SO THAT OTHERS MAY WALK

DIAGNOSIS: *Poliomyelitis* PROCEDURE: *Physical Therapy*

FRANCIS HOYT LOOKED DOWN AT DANNY'S PALE FACE. THEY'D TOLD HER THAT THEY WERE DOING EVERYTHING THAT COULD BE DONE FOR HER SON, AND THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER IF SHE LEFT HIM FOR A WHILE. STILL, DANNY LOOKED SO HELPLESS LYING THERE WITH ONLY HIS HEAD SHOWING OUT OF THE IRON LUNG... HIS SOFT BROWN EYES BEWILDERED AND APPEALING. BUT AT LEAST HE WAS BREATHING EASIER NOW, WITH THE GLEAMING MACHINE'S HELP. MRS. HOYT TRIED NOT TO LET DANNY SEE THAT SHE, TOO, WAS FRIGHTENED, SO SHE FORCED A SMILE BEFORE SHE LEFT HIS SIDE...

SHE WONDERED, AS SHE CROSSED THE WARD, IF DANNY HAD NOTICED THE TEARS IN HER EYES AND HER DEEP-ROOTED ANXIETY. NOW, ASSAILED BY DOUBTS, EAGER FOR REASSURANCE, SHE TOOK THE ELEVATOR DOWN TWO FLOORS AND FOUND THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE. HE WAS TALKING ON THE PHONE AS SHE ENTERED...

DOCTOR WOLACK NODDED TO A CHAIR BESIDE HIS DESK AND CONTINUED WITH HIS CONVERSATION...

MRS. HOYT SAT DOWN. DOCTOR WOLACK'S LIGHT-HEARTEDNESS ANNOYED HER, WORRIED AS SHE WAS ABOUT DANNY AT THAT MOMENT...

HEARTACHE AND TROUBLE ALL *AROUND* HIM AND HE CAN *LAUGH* AND *BE HAPPY!* MY POOR DANNY IN THERE FIGHTING FOR EVERY *BREATH*, AND *HIM*...

ALL RIGHT, DEAR! YES! GOOD BYE, HONEY...

THE DOCTOR HUNG UP AND SHOOK HIS HEAD, STILL SMILING, ABSORBED WITH THOUGHTS OF HIS OWN FAMILY...

DANNY ISN'T ONE OF *HIS OWN*... SO HE DOESN'T *CARE!*

THOSE LITTLE IMPS! THEY REALLY DON'T *MIND* US GOING OUT! THEY JUST KNOW IT'S A CHANCE TO EXTORT A *NEW TOY* FROM ME!

DOCTOR WOLACK! I'M *DANNY HOYT'S MOTHER!* I JUST *LEFT* HIM UP THERE...

OH, YES! I'M SORRY. NOW, LET'S SEE...

THE DOCTOR LEAFED THROUGH THE FILE-FOLDERS ON HIS DESK AND STOPPED AT ONE. HE GLANCED UP. HIS SMILE HAD FADED...

DANIEL HOYT...POLIOMYELITIS... BULBAR...INFECTION OF THE RESPIRATORY CENTER... HMMM...WELL, MRS. HOYT...

THAT MEANS HIS *LUNGS* ARE PARALYZED, *DOESN'T* IT? THAT EVEN IF HE *LIVES*, HE'LL HAVE TO STAY IN THAT *IRON LUNG!*

NOW, MRS. HOYT BROUGHT ALL OF HER FEARS OUT INTO THE OPEN. SHE GAVE VENT TO ALL OF HER PENT-UP EMOTIONS. SHE BROKE DOWN COMPLETELY. DOCTOR WOLACK MURMURED A FEW WORDS OF COMFORT, THEN WAITED FOR THE WOMAN TO REGAIN CONTROL OF HERSELF...

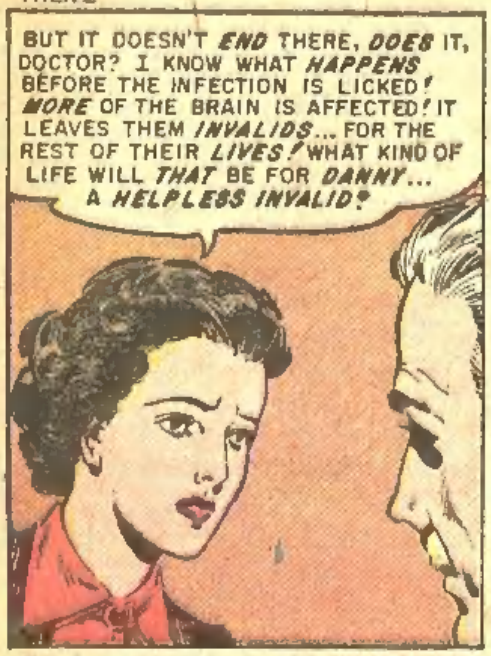
MRS. HOYT, FIRST LET ME EXPLAIN THAT, IN YOUR BOY'S CASE, THE CHEST MUSCLES AND DIAPHRAGM ARE *NOT PARALYZED!* THE POLIO VIRUS HAS AFFECTED A TINY GROUP OF CELLS IN THE BULBAR PORTION OF THE *BRAIN!*

YOU MIGHT SAY THAT DANNY HAS *FORGOTTEN HOW AND WHEN TO BREATHE!* HALF OF THE DANGER *NOW* IS THAT DELICATE NERVE AND BRAIN CELLS MIGHT BE DEPRIVED OF *SUFFICIENT OXYGEN!* SO, DANNY IS IN AN IRON LUNG TO MAKE *SURE* HIS BREATHING *CONTINUES* AND THIS DOES NOT *HAPPEN!*

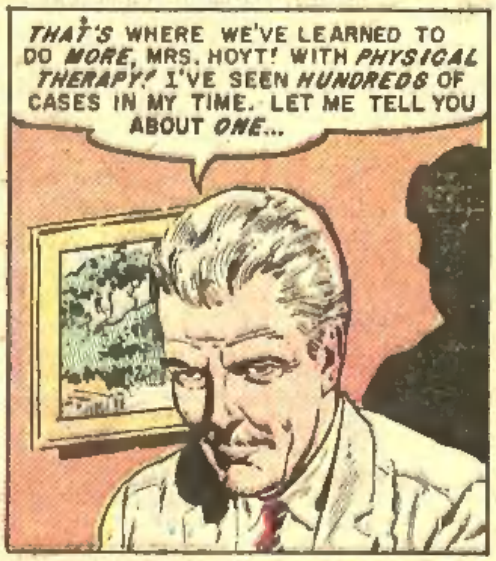
BUT WHAT *ELSE* HAVE YOU DONE? I'M NO *FOOL*, DOCTOR WOLACK! MY BOY MAY *DIE!* AND NO ONE IS LIFTING A HAND TO *HELP* HIM!

WE'VE *DONE* ALL WE *CAN* FOR DANNY AT THIS STAGE, MRS. HOYT! WE'VE GOT HIM *BREATHING!* WE'VE APPLIED *HOT PACKS!* THE REST IS UP TO *DANNY!* THE REST IS A *BATTLE* BETWEEN *HIM* AND THAT *VIRUS!* AND THERE ARE INDICATIONS ALREADY THAT HE IS *WINNING* THAT FIGHT! HIS CHANCES ARE *EXCELLENT*...

MRS. HOYT WAS SILENT FOR A WHILE. THEN...

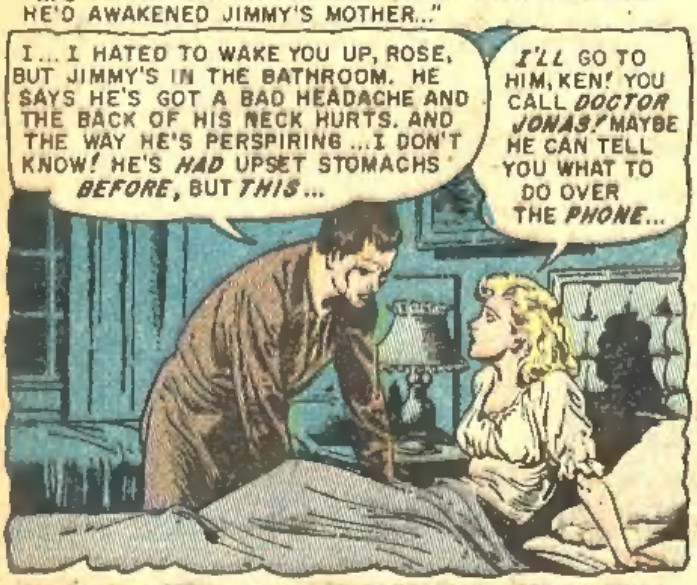


DOCTOR WOLACK SMILED, NOT UNKINDLY OR COLDLY. IT MIGHT BE TERMED A "SHRUGGING SMILE"... A REACTION TO THE FUTILITY OF TRYING TO REASSURE A DISTRAUGHT MOTHER. HE SIGHED, THEN TRIED ANOTHER TACK...



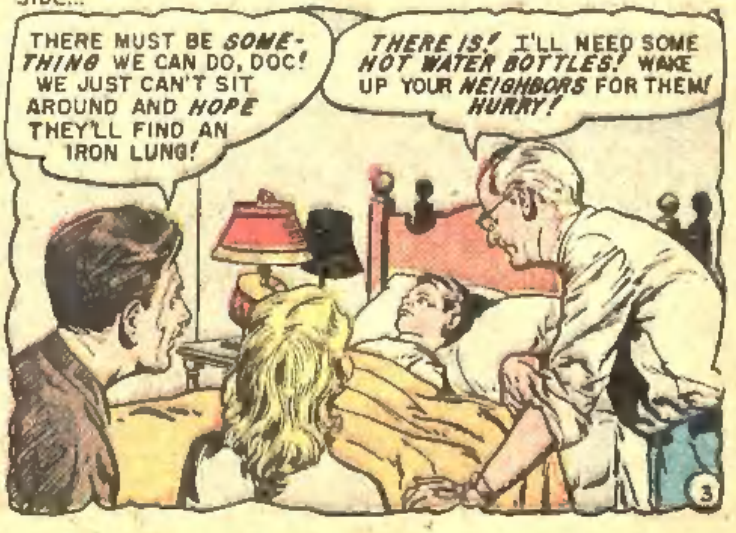
THE DOCTOR LEANED BACK IN HIS CHAIR AND BEGAN...

"...JIMMY'S FATHER HAD GOTTEN UP WITH HIM. THEN HE'D AWAKENED JIMMY'S MOTHER..."

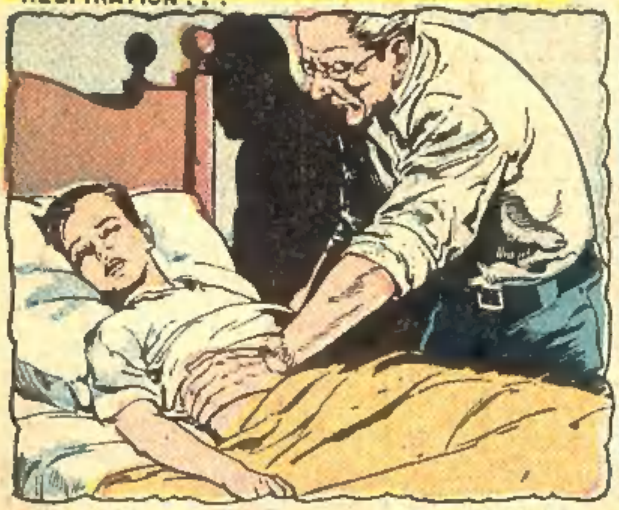


"JIMMY'S DAD HAD CALLED, BUT OLD DOC JONAS HADN'T TRIED TO PRESCRIBE OVER THE PHONE. HE'D HURRIED RIGHT OVER. BY THAT TIME, LITTLE JIMMY WAS HAVING TROUBLE BREATHING AND THE DOCTOR'D NOTICED A RIGIDITY OF HIS LEG MUSCLES...

"DOCTOR JONAS HAD TRIED TO CALM THE PANICKED PARENTS. THEN HE'D CALLED THE HOSPITAL AND EXPLAINED THE EMERGENCY. WHEN HE'D RETURNED TO THE BOY'S BEDSIDE..."

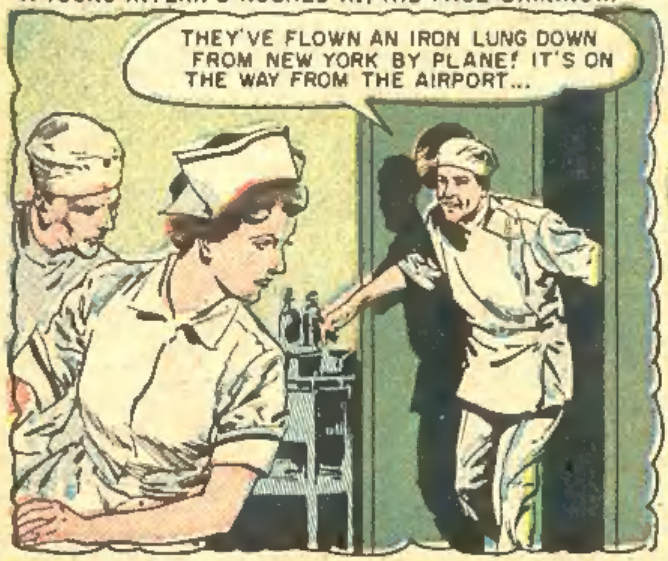


"BY THEN, JIMMY WAS STRUGGLING TO BREATHE. PARALYSIS WAS SETTING IN RAPIDLY. DOCTOR JONAS HAD STARTED TO ADMINISTER ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION . . ."

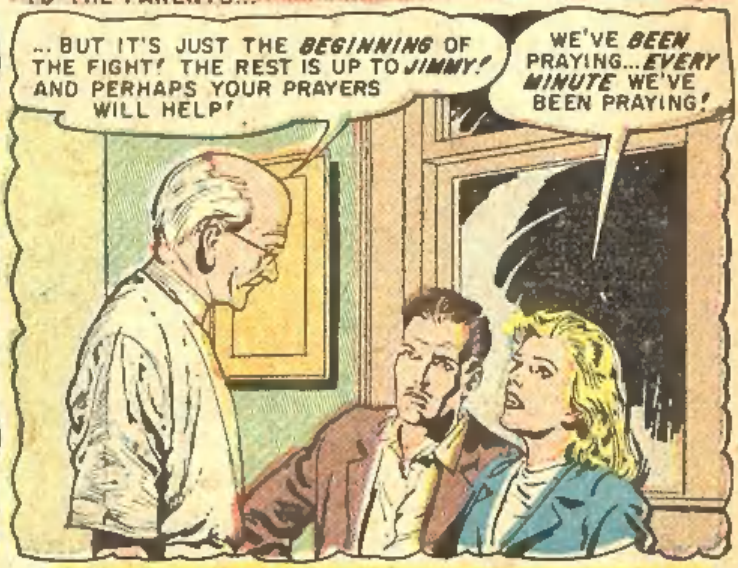


"AND WHEN THE AMBULANCE CAME, THEY'D RUSHED YOUNG JIMMY OUT TO IT. ROSE AND KEN HAD PILED IN WITH HIM. AND ON THE WAY TO THE HOSPITAL, THE INTERN AND DOCTOR JONAS HAD SPELLED EACH OTHER IN MAKING THE SICK BOY BREATHE . . ."

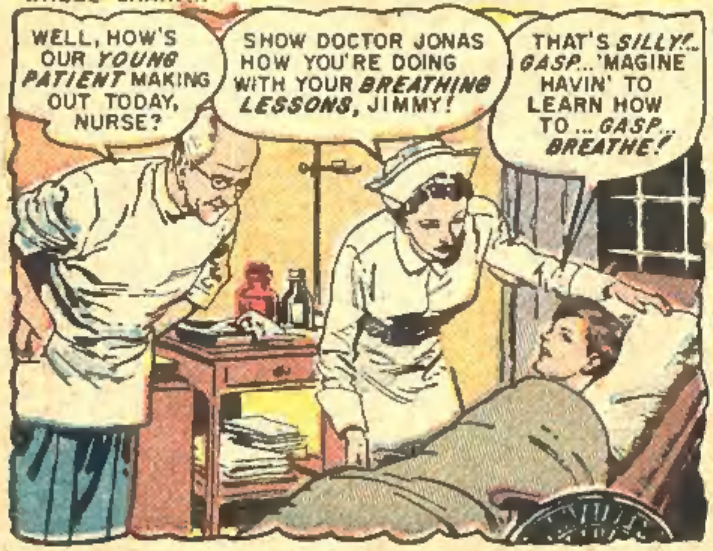
"AT THE HOSPITAL, DOCTORS AND NURSES HAD JOINED, TAKING TURNS IN ADMINISTERING ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION. IT'D BEEN A DESPERATE FIGHT, BUT THEY'D KEPT THE BOY ALIVE FOR FOUR HOURS UNTIL A YOUNG INTERN'D RUSHED IN, HIS FACE SHINING..."



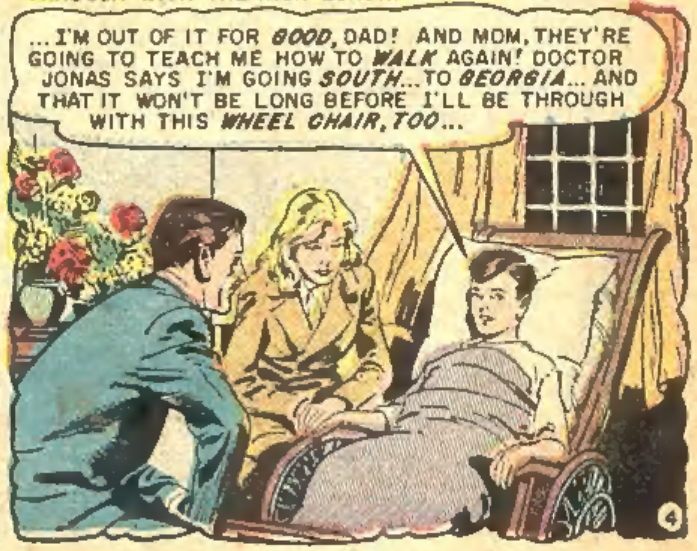
"SOME OF THE NURSES HAD BROKEN DOWN AND CRIED THEN... NOT ONLY BECAUSE THEY WERE TIRED, BUT BECAUSE IT MEANT THAT NOW THERE'D BE A FIGHTING CHANCE FOR JIMMY. AND DOCTOR JONAS HAD BROUGHT THE GOOD NEWS TO THE PARENTS..."



"AND JIMMY HAD PUT UP A TERRIFIC FIGHT. HE'D LICKED THE VIRUS. BUT, AS DOCTOR JONAS HAD SAID, IT'D BEEN ONLY THE BEGINNING. THERE'D BEEN LONG MONTHS IN THE IRON LUNG... THEN OUT OF IT FOR SHORT PERIODS IN A WHEEL CHAIR..."



"IT WAS A FACT, THOUGH! JIMMY HAD LITERALLY LEARNED HOW TO BREATHE AGAIN... JUST AS YOUR DANNY WILL, MRS. HOYT! BUT JIMMY HAD THE WILL TO LIVE AND TO BREATHE. AFTER SIX MONTHS, HE WAS THROUGH WITH THE IRON LUNG..."

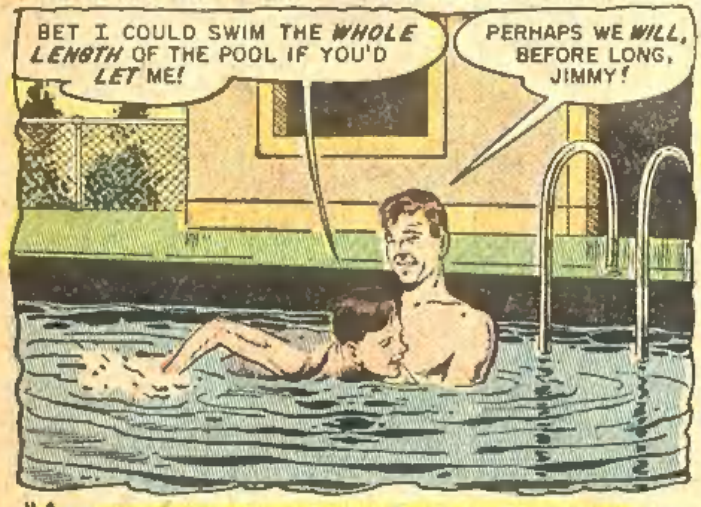


"'DANCE...SO THAT OTHERS MAY WALK!' THAT HAD BEEN THE SLOGAN OF THOSE BIRTHDAY BALLS FOR PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT! REMEMBER? SO PEOPLE'D DANCED...AND THE MONEY THEY'D PAID HAD GONE TO THE WARM SPRINGS FOUNDATION IN GEORGIA, WHERE JIMMY WAS SENT..."

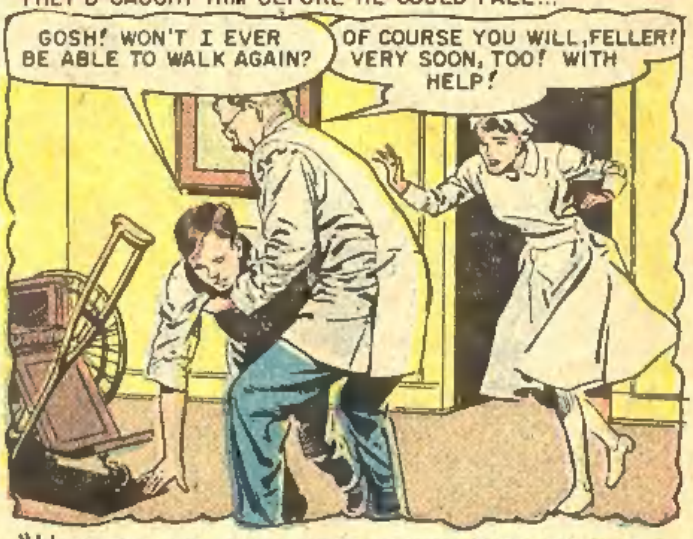
"BESIDES MEDICAL AND NURSING ATTENTION, JIMMY WAS TREATED BY ORTHOPEDISTS AND PHYSICAL THERAPISTS. APPLICATIONS OF HOT PACKS RESTORED VITALITY TO HIS PARALYZED MUSCLES..."

"PHYSICAL THERAPISTS TESTED THE STRENGTH OF THESE MUSCLES SO THAT THEY MIGHT PRESCRIBE PROPER RE-EDUCATION FOR THEM..."

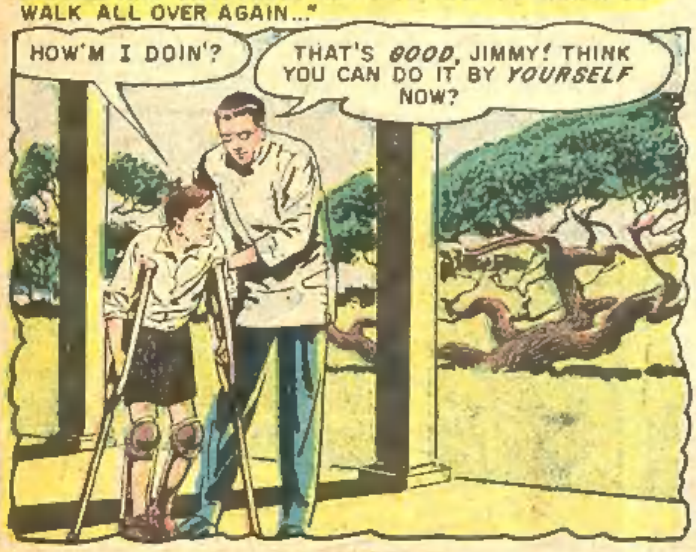
"AND...AS WE'LL DO FOR DANNY, MRS. HOYT... THEY CONTINUED THE GENTLE EXERCISING OF TISSUES THAT HAD BEEN CONTRACTED AS A RESULT OF THE DISEASE. THERE WAS POOL THERAPY IN THE WARM SPRING WATER."



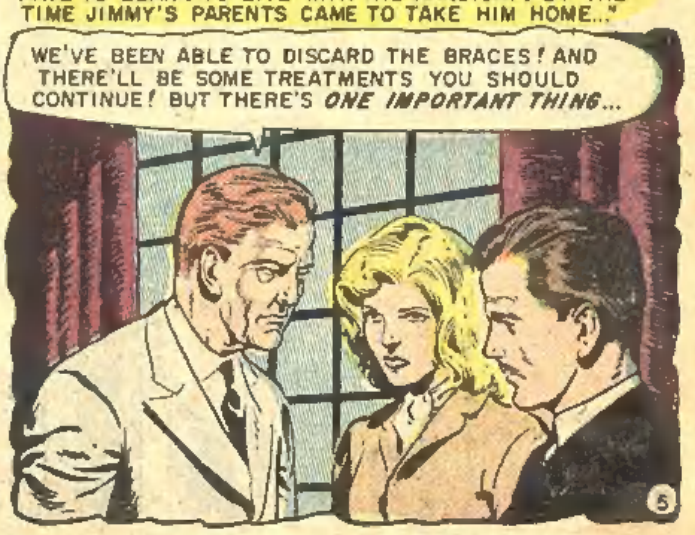
"JIMMY WAS A LITTLE TOO EAGER TO TRY OUT HIS LEGS. ONCE, HE ATTEMPTED TO LEAVE HIS WHEELCHAIR. THEY'D CAUGHT HIM BEFORE HE COULD FALL..."

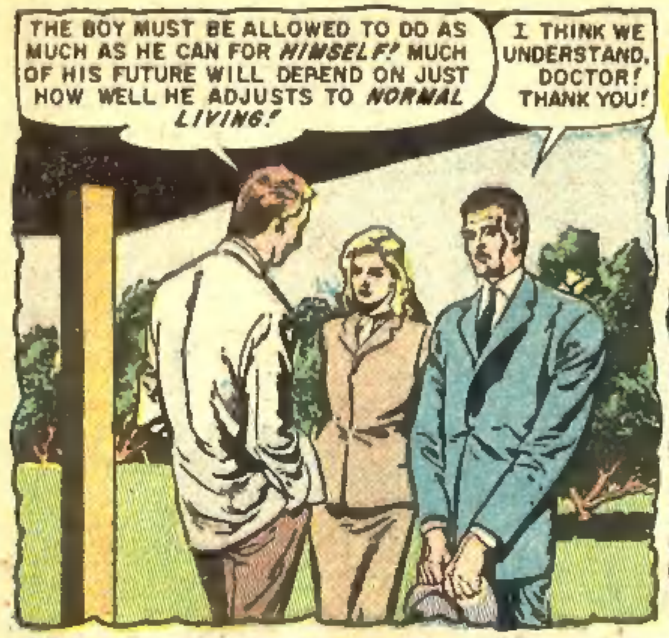


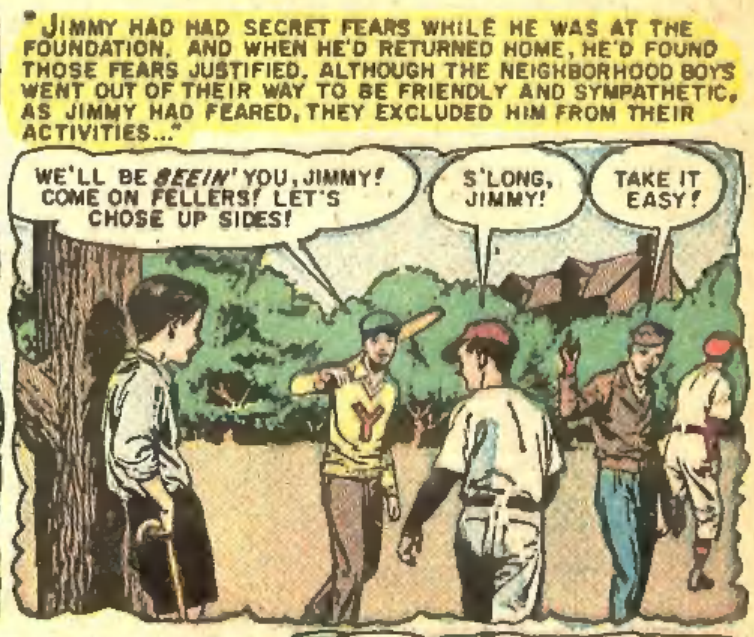
"AND JIMMY DID WALK AGAIN, TOO...WITH HELP. WITH BRACES AND CRUTCHES. BUT HE'D HAD TO LEARN TO WALK ALL OVER AGAIN..."



"HOWEVER, THERE WAS MORE TO JIMMY'S RETRAINING THAN LEARNING TO USE MUSCLES AGAIN. JIMMY WOULD HAVE TO LEARN TO LIVE WITH HIS HANDICAP. BY THE TIME JIMMY'S PARENTS CAME TO TAKE HIM HOME..."



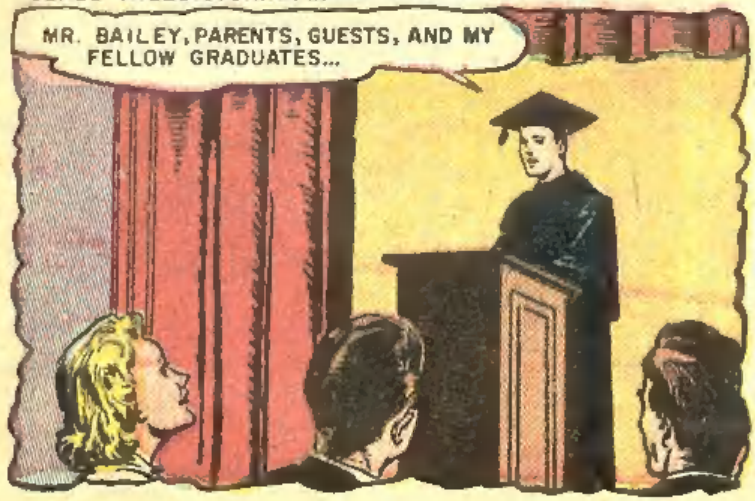

THE BOY MUST BE ALLOWED TO DO AS MUCH AS HE CAN FOR *HIMSELF!* MUCH OF HIS FUTURE WILL DEPEND ON JUST HOW WELL HE ADJUSTS TO *NORMAL LIVING!*
I THINK WE UNDERSTAND, DOCTOR! THANK YOU!


"JIMMY HAD HAD SECRET FEARS WHILE HE WAS AT THE FOUNDATION. AND WHEN HE'D RETURNED HOME, HE'D FOUND THOSE FEARS JUSTIFIED. ALTHOUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD BOYS WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO BE FRIENDLY AND SYMPATHETIC, AS JIMMY HAD FEARED, THEY EXCLUDED HIM FROM THEIR ACTIVITIES..."
WE'LL BE *SEEIN'* YOU, JIMMY! COME ON FELLERS! LET'S CHOSE UP SIDES!
S'LONG, JIMMY!
TAKE IT EASY!

"SO JIMMY WATCHED THE OTHER BOYS PLAY... AND LONGED TO JOIN THEM..."
WISH THEY'D LET *ME TRY!* BET I COULD *DO IT*... IF THEY'D *LET* ME!

"FINALLY THE BOY SPOKE UP..."
HOW ABOUT IT, FELLERS? I CAN PLAY! LET ME *SHOW* YOU?
YOU *SURE*, JIMMY? YOU *SURE?*

I'M SURE!
OKAY, JIMMY! WE'LL LET YOU TRY! YOU CAN *CATCH!* THAT OUGHT TO BE *EASY* FOR YOU.

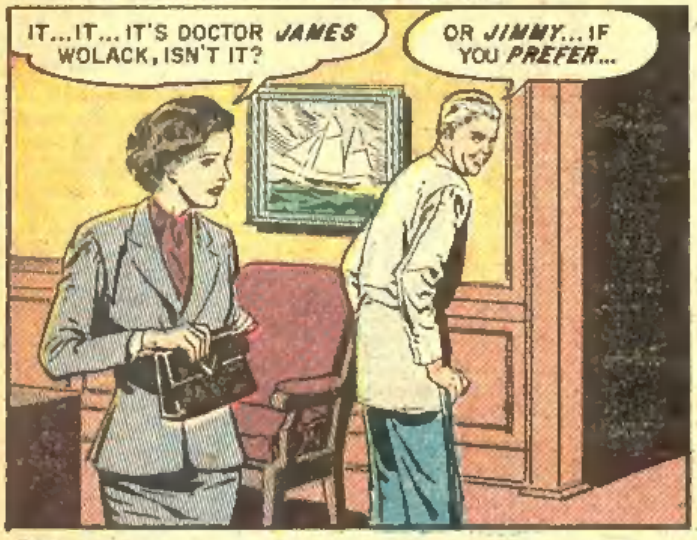

"SO THE KIDS ACCEPTED JIMMY FOR WHAT HE COULD DO, AND HE'D WON ANOTHER BATTLE. BUT OFTEN, AFTER THAT, HE DID *BETTER* THAN MANY OF THEM IN A LOT OF THINGS! HE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL WITH HONORS! HE WAS CLASS VALEDICTORIAN"...
MR. BAILEY, PARENTS, GUESTS, AND MY FELLOW GRADUATES...

DOCTOR WOLACK LEANED BACK IN HIS CHAIR AND STUDIED MRS. HOYT AS HE FINISHED HIS STORY...
JIMMY WENT TO COLLEGE AND NOW LEADS A FULL LIFE, MRS. HOYT! AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT *DANNY* CAN LOOK FORWARD TO... WITH *YOUR HELP...*

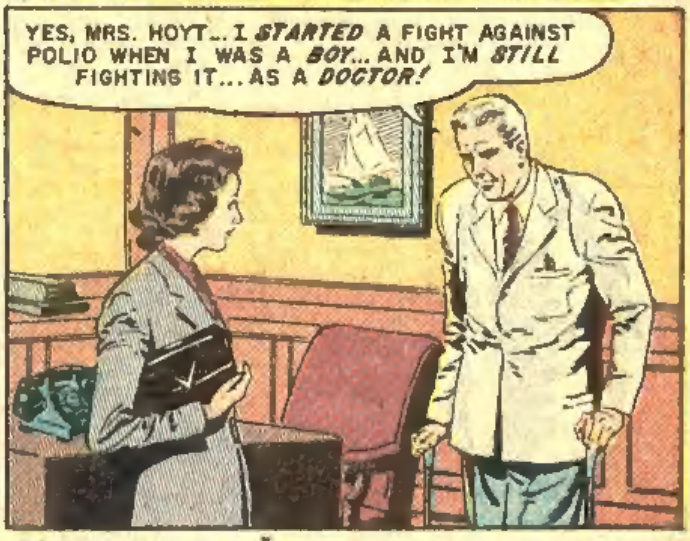
DOCTOR WOLACK SMILED. SHEEPISHLY, MRS. HOYT THOUGHT. YES, SHE WAS CLEVER ENOUGH TO SEE THE PURPOSE OF HIS STORY-TELLING...

DOCTOR WOLACK PUSHED BACK HIS CHAIR...

THE DOCTOR STOOD UP AND CROSSED HIS OFFICE. A TWINKLE CAME INTO MRS. HOYT'S EYES...



...FOR MRS. HOYT SAW THAT DOCTOR WOLACK WALKED QUITE WELL WITH THE AID OF HIS TWO CANES...



MRS HOYT WENT TO HER SON THEN. AND THIS TIME, WHEN SHE LOOKED DOWN AT HIS PALE BEWILDERED FACE, THERE WERE NO TEARS IN HER EYES... NO ANXIETY...

AND WHEN THE BEWILDERMENT AND THE PLEADING LOOK ON DANNY'S FACE FADED, AND HE, TOO, SMILED CONFIDENTLY, MRS. HOYT TURNED TO JAMES WALACK, M.D., AND WHISPERED...

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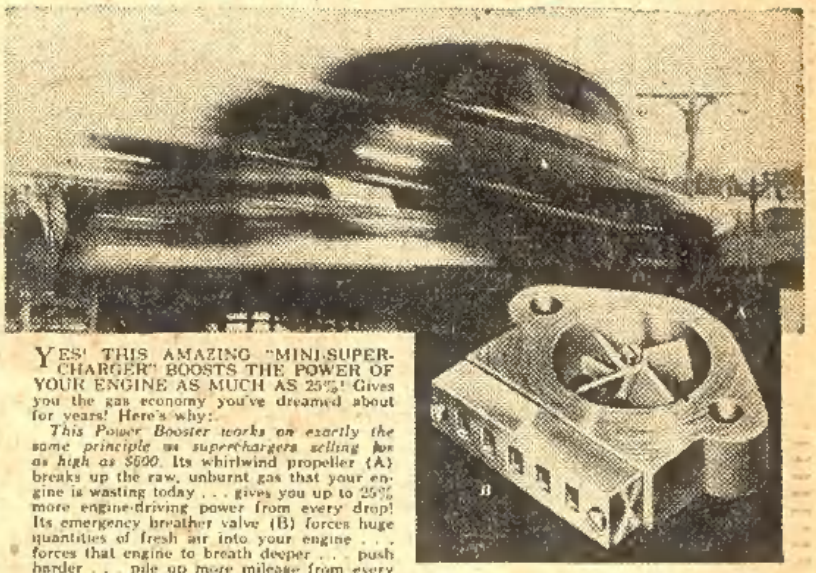

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DOCTOR WIZARD

The stones pelted against windows. Outside, the mob howled and hung a ram's skull, symbol of witchcraft, against the door . . . Doctor William Harvey had dared to teach that the blood in man's body circulated, that it moved. And who but a man who had made a pact with the devil would preach such a theory? London, in the days of Charles the First was not a place for such fantastic teachings. Had not even the College of Physicians accused Harvey of being a wizard? Had they not tried him? And had he not been released only because of his personal friendship with the King?

And—was not the head of the College, Doctor Bethune, at this very moment inside, attempting to persuade Harvey to recant, to admit that his theory was contrary to all medical knowledge?

But—Doctor William Harvey did not recant. In 1616 his theory was published—and the storm broke about his ears. Hounded, persecuted, he could, in the end, do nothing except beg for the protection of his friend, the King—and be refused. Charles the First was sympathetic—but not ready to risk his crown for an obscure physician.

Still—William Harvey went on. Inevitably—during a speech he was making before the Association of Anatomists—he was arrested, and placed in the Tower of London. Surely, this was the end. With conviction—and death—Harvey's theory would perish, perhaps not to be revived for centuries, while countless thousands died from lack of this precious knowledge. Only a kindly fate intervened.

Charles the First, on a hunting trip outside London with the Countess Maria of France, sent for Harvey suddenly. The countess had been bitten by a deadly adder—and Charles' personal physician, Bethune, was a day's journey away.

By the time Bethune arrived, Harvey had tied off the Countess' bitten leg with a tourniquet, stopping the flow of blood so that the poison could not reach the heart, but would dissipate itself. Here, in one simple act, was the proof or disproof of Harvey's theory—and his life hung in the balance as much as did the life of the Countess Maria.

Bethune raged, but to no avail. Harvey had pledged his head that he would save the Countess' life—and the King had listened.

The hours crept by, slow sentinels of—what? Only Harvey knew. Only he was not uneasy, not afraid. And in the morning, the Countess Maria stirred, opened her eyes—and smiled.

From that moment on, William Harvey was under the protection of the King, and woe to him who dared question the King's act. And so Doctor Wizard vanished. A bright new world of healing opened slowly before the eyes of men. Millions, down through the centuries, who might have died—lived.

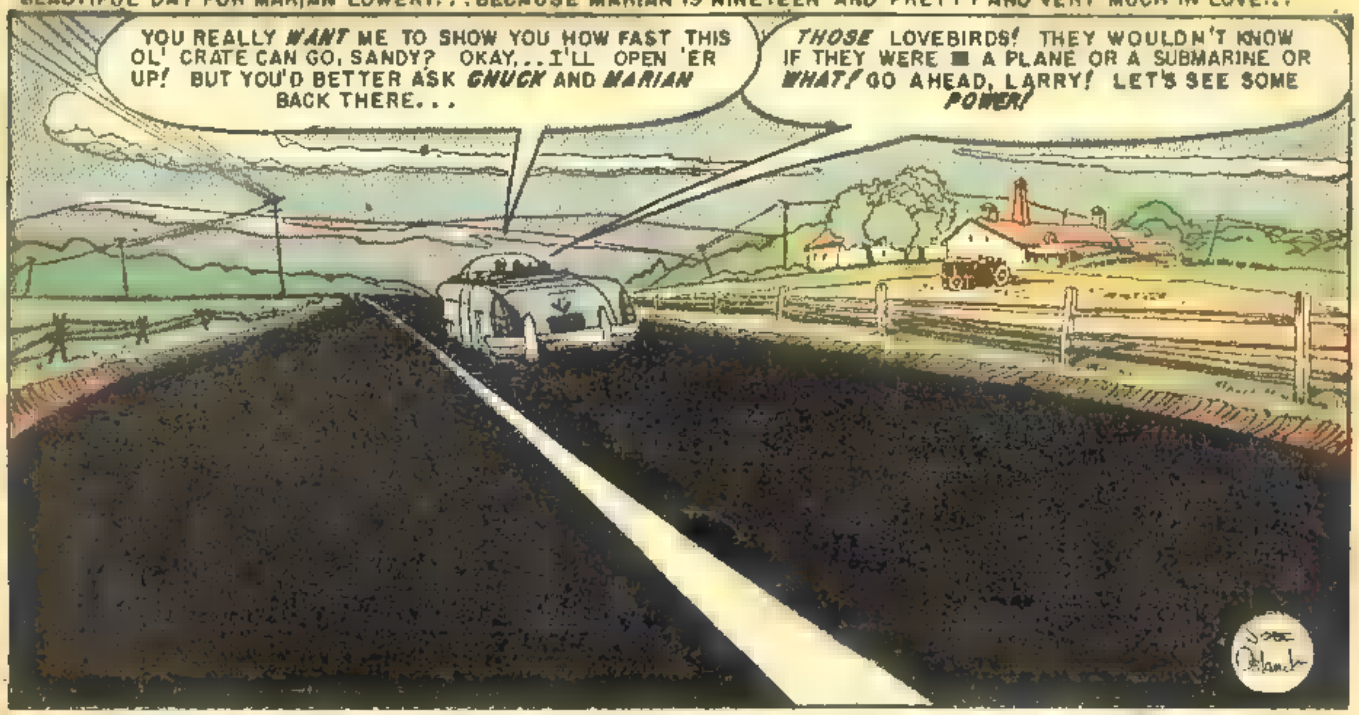
Doctor William Harvey refused all offers of reward from a grateful King. For him, the knowledge of a task well done was sufficient reward. But there was, and is, another reward for Harvey. A reward which grows day by day, over the years. The gratitude of all those millions whom William Harvey never lived to see—but who lived, because of him.

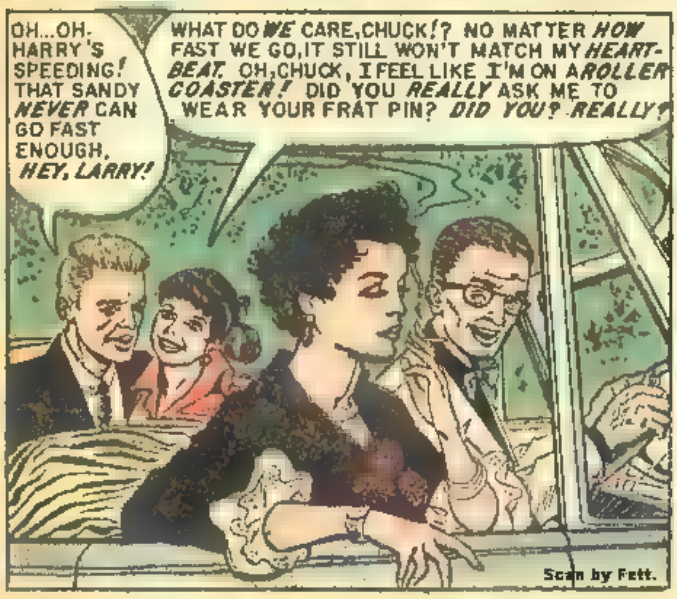
NEW OUTLOOK

DIAGNOSIS: *Fracture Mandible, Depressed Malar Process, Fractured Nose*

PROCEDURE: *Maxillo-Facial Surgery*

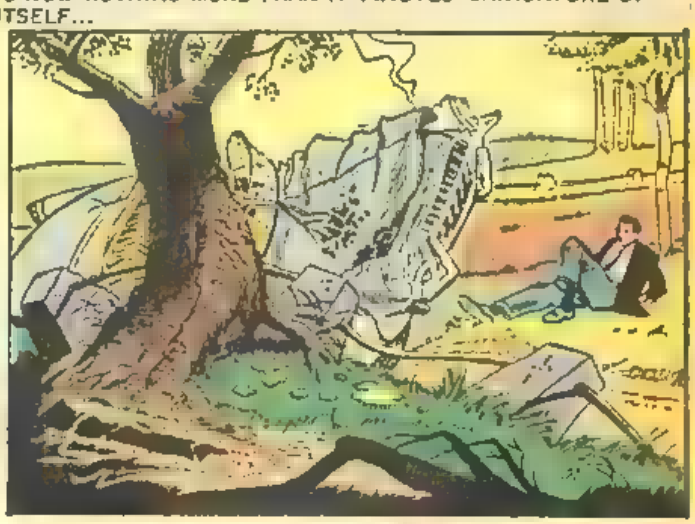
THERE ■ NO HINT...NO SLIGHT PORTENT OF TRAGEDY AS FOUR COLLEGE STUDENTS DRIVE BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER A VICTORIOUS FOOTBALL GAME. THE AIR IS CRISP WITH AUTUMN FRESHNESS. IT IS A DAY FOR LAUGHTER AND YOUTH. IT IS A BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR MARIAN LOWERY...BECAUSE MARIAN IS NINETEEN AND PRETTY AND VERY MUCH IN LOVE...



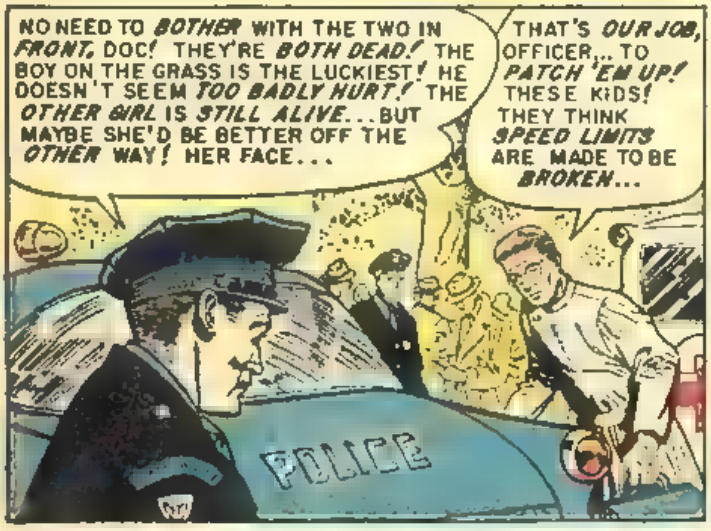


SUDDENLY...

IN A SINGLE TICK OF A CLOCK, THE BRIGHT FALL SUN SHINES ON A GRIM, PITIFUL SCENE. WHERE THERE HAD BEEN LAUGHTER, THERE IS SILENCE...AND A SLEEK CONVERTIBLE IS NOW NOTHING MORE THAN A TWISTED CARICATURE OF ITSELF...



THE FAMILIAR PATTERN OF SUDDEN CALAMITY BEGINS TO UNFOLD. THE WAIL OF AN AMBULANCE SIREN MOANING TO A RELUCTANT STOP...WHITE-FACED STATE TROOPERS...THE GRIM, TENSE FACE OF AN INTERN...



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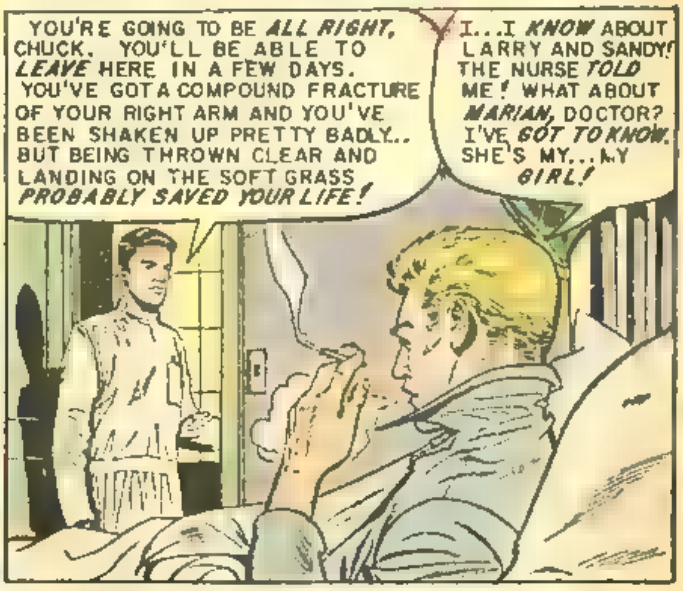
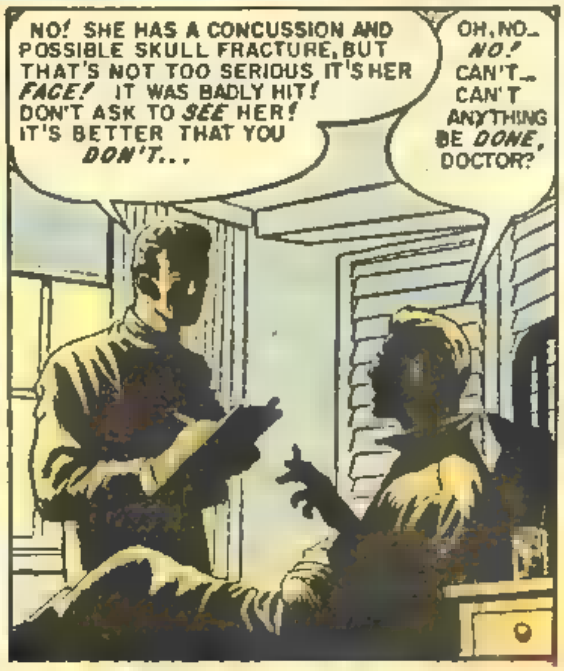
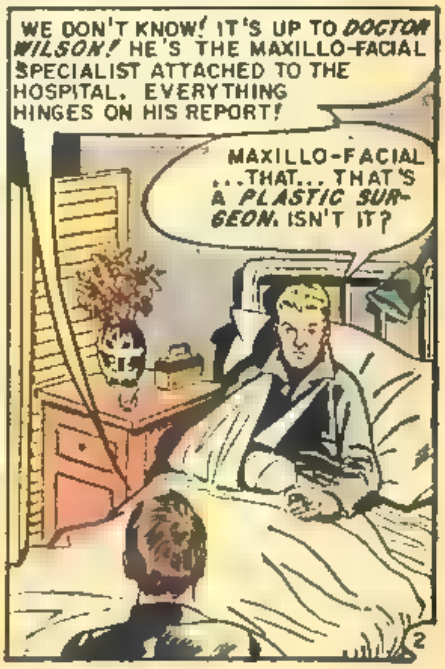
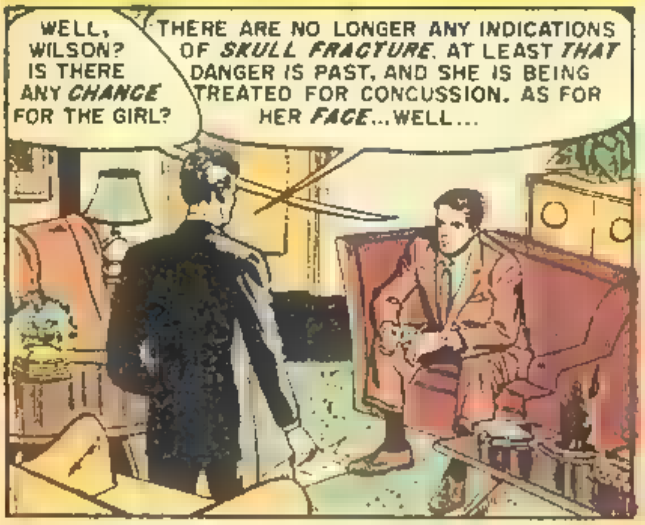
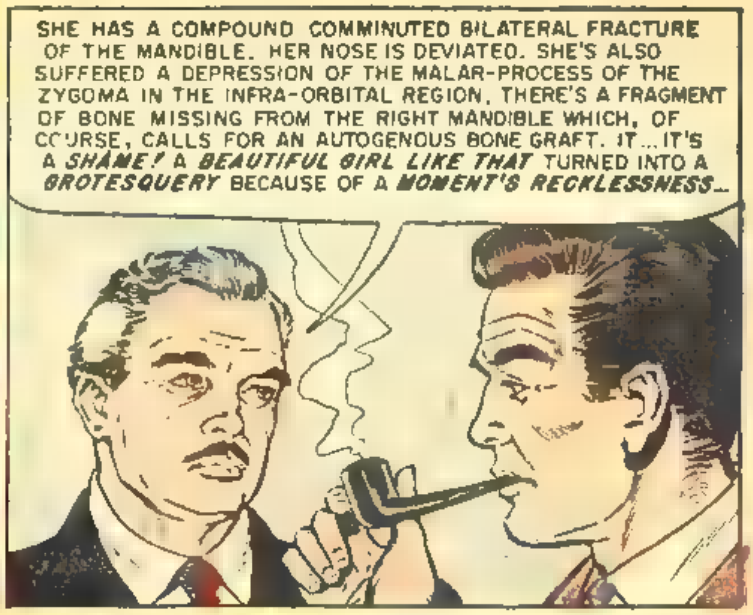






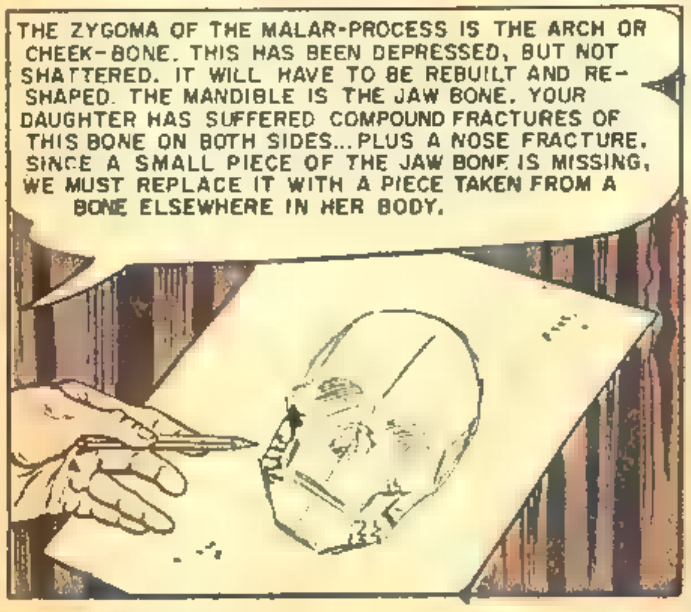
THE RESIDENT PHYSICIAN NODS AND LEAVES. LATER, HE MEETS WITH JONAS WILSON, M.D., F.A.C.S., THE MAXILLO-FACIAL SURGEON...

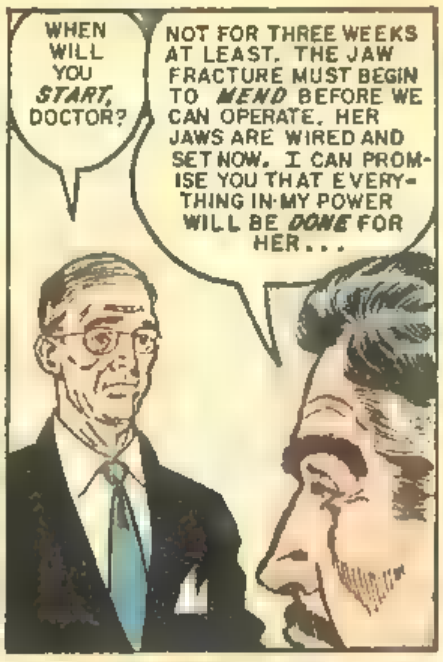




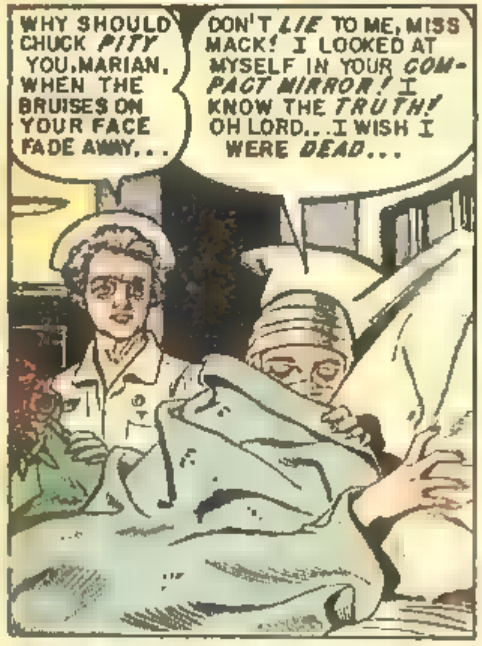
WITHOUT CONCEALING THE SERIOUS NATURE OF THEIR DAUGHTER'S INJURIES, DOCTOR WILSON COMFORTS THE GRIEVING BEWILDERED PARENTS. AND HIS OWN HEART IS HEAVY. FOR HE, TOO, HAS A DAUGHTER MARIAN'S AGE...

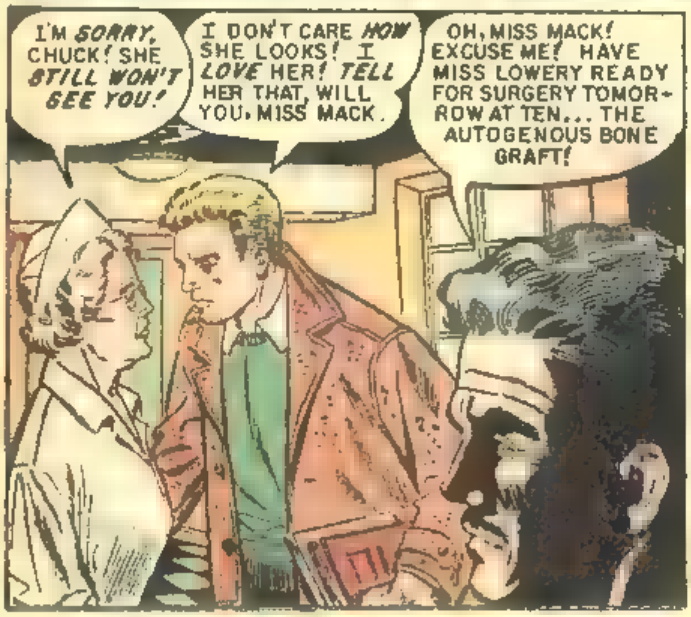
THE SURGEON MAKES A ROUGH SKETCH OF THE HUMAN FACE...

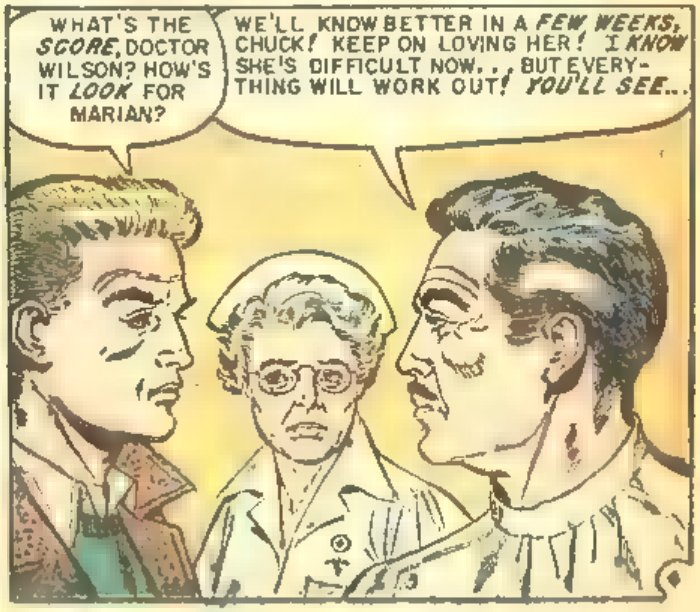




THE WEARY WEEKS CREEP BY. MARIAN'S JAW FRACTURES SLOWLY KNIT...





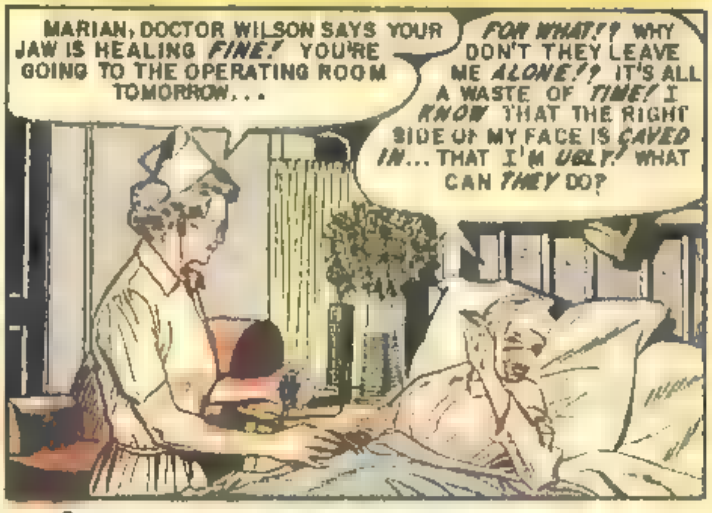


AT TEN A.M. THE NEXT MORNING, THE FIRST OF THE SERIES OF MAXILLO-SURGICAL OPERATIONS IS PERFORMED ON MARIAN LOWERY... THE REPLACEMENT OF THE MISSING BONE IN THE RIGHT MANDIBLE...

IN THIS OPERATION, THE SURGEON REMOVES A CHIP OF BONE OF THE EXACT SIZE NEEDED FROM THE ILLIUM, OR CREST OF THE HIP BONE. THIS IS A TEDIOUS AND DELICATE TASK REQUIRING THE UTMOST PATIENCE AND SKILL...

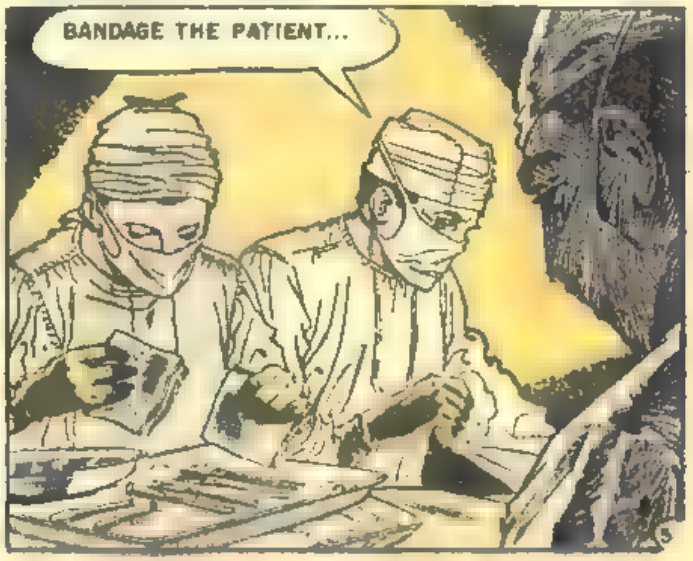
THE BONE-CHIP IS FITTED INTO PLACE AS ONE FITS A SEGMENT IN A JIG SAW PUZZLE. THE GRAFT IS HELD BY MEANS OF VITELLIUM SCREWS WHICH PIERCE THE CHIP AND FASTEN IT TO THE UNINJURED JAWBONE...

ALTHOUGH THE FIRST PHASE IS NOW COMPLETE, FOR THE PATIENT, THE ORDEAL HAS JUST BEGUN. FOR SIX WEEKS SHE MUST BE FED INTRAVENOUSLY, HER JAW IMMOBILIZED, WHILE THE NEW BONE SLOWLY GROWS INTO PLACE AND THE INCISION MENDS, LEAVING ONLY A FINE, WHITE, BARELY DISCERNABLE SCAR. THEN...

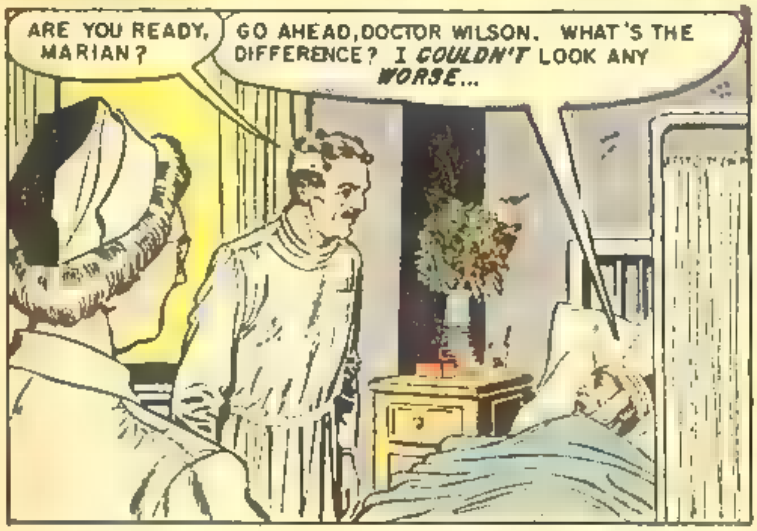


THE SECOND OPERATION OF THE SERIES IS PERFORMED TO RELIEVE THE DEPRESSION OF THE MALAR-PROCESS OF THE ZYGOMA, WHICH CAUSES THE CHEEK BONE AREA OF THE FACE TO SINK IN. IF THE BONE IS NOT SMASHED, THE SURGEON'S PROCEDURE IS TO PUSH IT BACK INTO SHAPE, ALMOST IN THE MANNER OF REMOVING A DENT FROM A MAN'S FELT HAT...

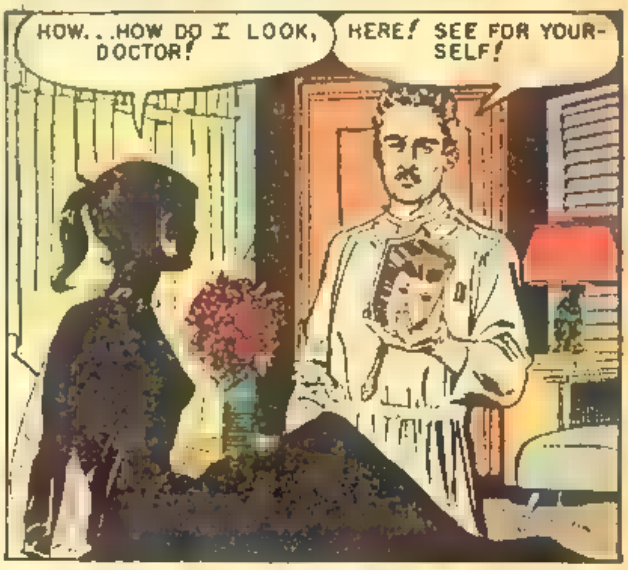
IN THE LAST OF THE SERIES, THE DAMAGE TO THE NOSE IS REPAIRED, NEW CARTILEGE IS GRAFTED IN, AND THE ORGAN RESTORED...



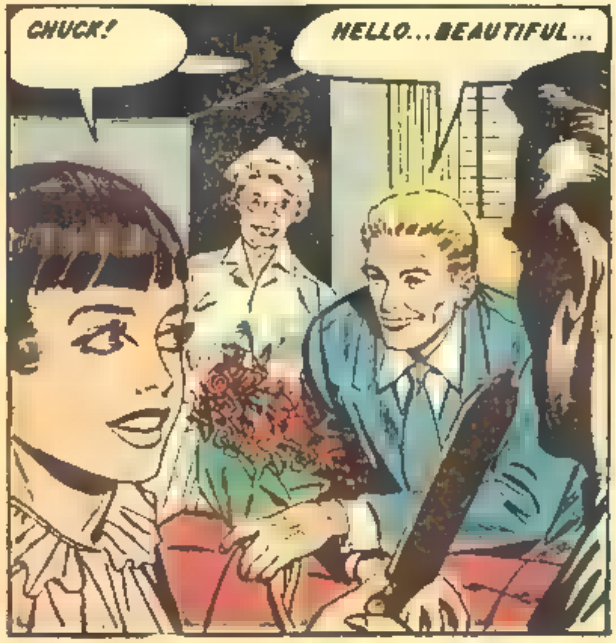
ALMOST EIGHT MONTHS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE TERRIBLE DAY OF THE ACCIDENT...MONTHS OF PAIN AND DISPAIR FOR MARIAN. NOW, TIME HAS RUN OUT, FOR THIS IS THE DAY THE BANDAGES ARE TO BE REMOVED...

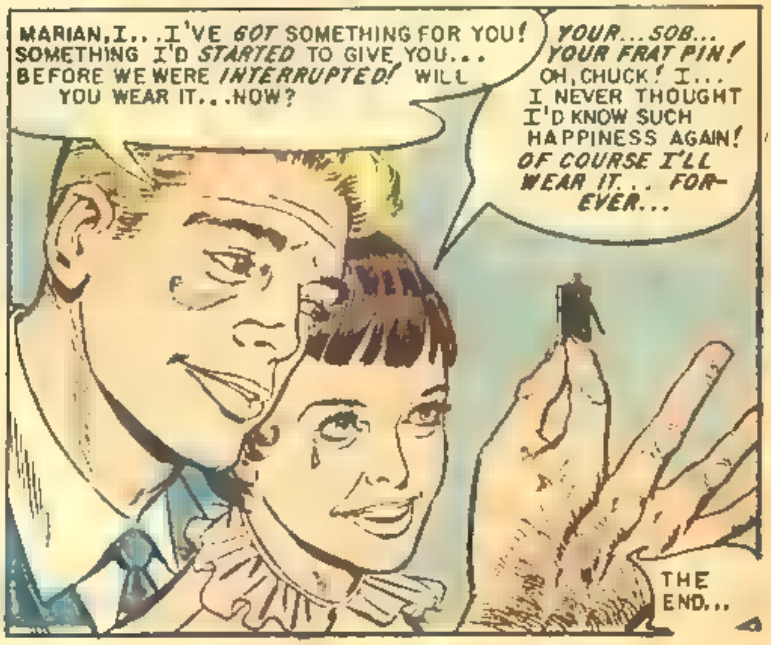


THE SURGEON CAREFULLY REMOVES THE BANDAGES... STUDIES THE GIRL'S FACE... AND SMILES...



DOCTOR WILSON WILSON HANDS MARIAN A MIRROR...





POINT OF VIEW

DIAGNOSIS: *Loss of Sight* PROCEDURE: *Corneal Transplant*

DONALD ARCHER SWAM UP OUT OF HIS UNCONSCIOUSNESS INTO A WORLD OF PAIN. AT FIRST, HE WAS NOT AWARE THAT HIS BODY, FROM NECK TO HIPS, WAS RIGID AND UNYIELDING. THERE WAS ONLY THE AGONY SOMEWHERE IN HIS SPINE, AND THERE WAS THAT OTHER AGONY, TOO. THE AGONY IN HIS MIND. THE QUESTION THAT BEAT AND HAMMERED IN HIS SKULL, THE QUESTION THAT MARTIN SELDON, M.D., SEEMED NOT EVEN TO HEAR...

MY...MY *WIFE*...M-MY LITTLE *GIRL*... WHERE *ARE* THEY? WHAT... WHAT *HAPPENED* TO THEM?

TRY NOT TO EXCITE YOURSELF, MR. ARCHER. YOU'VE HAD A SEVERE TRAUMATIC SHOCK. YOU'VE BEEN UNCONSCIOUS SINCE THE ACCIDENT...

ARCHER STUDIED THE WHITE-COATED DOCTOR WITH THE CALM, IMPERSONAL EYES. HE SEEMED SO COLDLY PROFESSIONAL...

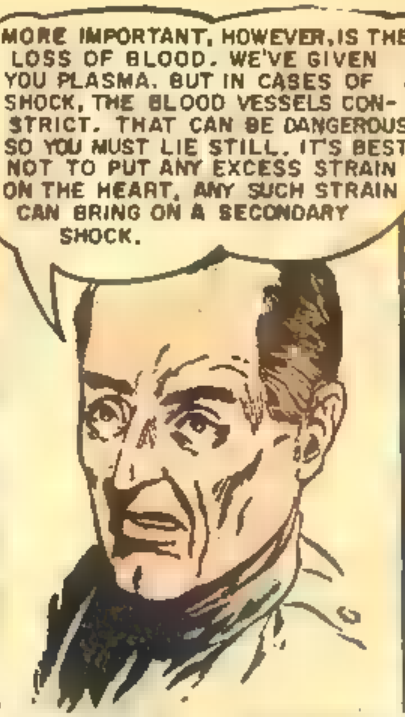
YOU'RE...YOU'RE NOT *ANSWERING* ME!

NURSE, ADMINISTER A SEDATIVE. MORPHINE...ONE QUARTER GRAIN...

ARCHER THOUGHT: THIS DOCTOR. HE WAS LIKE ICE. SO UNFEELING, SO MATTER-OF-FACT. BUT ARCHER DID NOT HATE HIM. YET. THAT WOULD COME LATER...

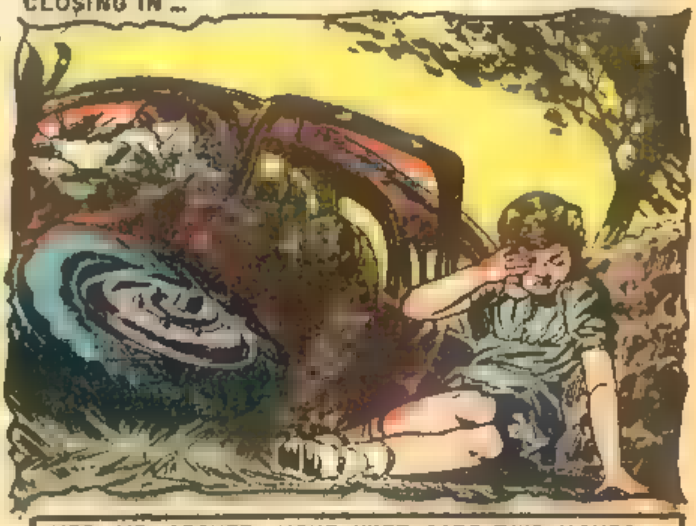
MY...FAMILY!? WHAT ABOUT MY...?

JUST RELAX, MR. ARCHER. YOU'VE HAD A BAD HEAD INJURY. YOU'VE LOST A LOT OF BLOOD, AND YOU SPRAINED SEVERAL VERTABRAE...



ARCHER TRIED TO FIGHT THE DROWSYNESS CREEPING OVER HIM... THE EFFECT OF THE SEDATIVE. HE TRIED... AND LOST. THE DARKNESS CAME BACK. HIS EYES CLOSED. THE SOUND OF THE DOCTOR'S VOICE FADED... REPLACED BY THE MEMORY OF OTHER SOUNDS... THE SQUEAL OF TIRES... THE WRENCHING, TEARING IMPACT OF METAL AND GLASS...

THE STEERING WHEEL... FAILING. THE CAR SKIDDING... CRASHING. ARCHER REMEMBERED, VAGUELY, HIS WIFE, LYING SO STILL. AND BETH... LITTLE BETH, SOBBING QUIETLY. THEN... THE EMPTINESS... THE BLACK MIST CLOSING IN...



THE MEMORY FADED. ARCHER SLEPT. IT WAS FULLY EIGHT HOURS BEFORE HE OPENED HIS EYES AGAIN...

ELLEN... DEAD? IT SEEMED, SOMEHOW, TO ARCHER, THAT THIS WAS A DREAM... A NIGHTMARE FROM WHICH HE'D SOON AWAKE. YET THERE WAS THAT CALM, COLD VOICE...

I *KNOW* WHAT A GREAT *LOSS* YOU'VE SUFFERED, MR. ARCHER... BUT YOUR LOSS CAN *HELP* SOMEONE. THAT'S WHY I'M *HERE!* I WANT TO *ASK* YOU FOR SOMETHING! A *FAVOR!*

YOU SEE, I HAVE A PATIENT WHO IS *BLIND!* BUT, WITH *YOUR HELP*, MY PATIENT COULD *SEE* AGAIN... THROUGH THE *EYES* OF YOUR *WIFE*...

THE EYES OF MY *WIFE!?*

EXACTLY. BY OPTHALMIC SURGERY, IT IS POSSIBLE TO TRANSFER THE HEALTHY CORNEAL TISSUE FROM THE EYE OF A RECENTLY DECEASED PERSON TO THE EYE OF SOMEONE WHO HAS SUFFERED CORNEAL DAMAGE...

IT WAS THEN THAT THE HATE TOOK HOLD. THE WORDS: LUKOMA, OPTHALMIA, CORNEAL MEMBRANE... THEY WERE GIBBERISH TO ARCHER. BUT THIS MAN... THIS DOCTOR... HE WAS INHUMAN...

NATURALLY, I UNDERSTAND YOUR *FEELINGS* AT THIS MOMENT. BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THE TRANSPLANT *MUST* BE MADE WITHIN *FORTY-EIGHT HOURS AFTER DEATH*...

AND YOU THINK I'D *AGREE* TO THAT!?

GET OUT! LEAVE ME ALONE! I LOVED MY WIFE! DO YOU THINK I'D CONSENT TO LETTING YOU DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT TO HER!?

YOUR WIFE IS BEYOND HARM, BUT HER EYES COULD GIVE *NEW LIFE* TO SOMEONE, MR. ARCHER. MY PATIENT IS NOT W-LL-TO-DO, AND...

WHAT DO *I* CARE ABOUT YOUR PATIENT!? WHAT DO I CARE ABOUT *YOU!?* MY *WIFE* IS *DEAD!* WHY SHOULD I GIVE CHARITY TO *YOUR* PATIENT? SUCH... SUCH *HORRIBLE CHARITY*...

THEN... YOU *REFUSE!?*

YES, I REFUSE! I KNOW HOW *COLD-BLOODED* YOU DOCTORS ARE! YOU'RE *NOT HUMAN!* BUT *I AM!* I'LL *NEVER* GIVE MY CONSENT! *NEVER! NEVER!*

I'M SORRY I UPSET YOU, MR. ARCHER. THE NURSE WILL GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO QUIET YOUR NERVES!

THE HATE BURNED THEN IN ARCHER. WHITE HOT. BUT IT DIED LATER. SLOWLY. AND GRIEF TOOK ITS PLACE...

NURSE, WHEN THE...ACCIDENT HAPPENED, I HAD SOME *PICTURES* IN MY WALLET. THERE WAS A PICTURE OF... MY WIFE...

I UNDERSTAND, MR. ARCHER. I'LL GET THEM FOR YOU!

LATER, THERE WAS ONLY THE SICK EMPTY SORROW OF LOSS...

AND YET, MEN RARELY DIE OF GRIEF. THERE WAS A TIME, HOURS LATER, WHEN ARCHER'S SORROW HAD DULLED TO A POIGNANT ACHE...

NURSE...THIS *PATIENT* OF DOCTOR SELDON'S? WHO IS HE?

I'M AFRAID I DON'T KNOW, MR. ARCHER. BUT I COULD *FIND OUT*... IF YOU'RE INTERESTED...

TO THAT, ARCHER SHOOK HIS HEAD. AND AFTERWARD, HE TRIED TO FORGET THAT SOMEWHERE THERE WAS A HUMAN BEING WHO COULD LIVE AGAIN...SEE AGAIN... IF ONLY HE SPOKE THE WORD. HE TRIED... BUT HE FAILED...

MORNING, ARCHER. I BROUGHT SOMEONE I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET! THIS IS DOCTOR FERRIS. HE'S AN OPTHAMOLOGIST, AN EYE SPECIALIST.

SOMEONE WHO MIGHT TALK ME INTO GIVING YOU MY WIFE'S EYES, EH? YOU DON'T GIVE UP, DO YOU? HOW CAN YOU BE SO ...SO *ROTTEN*!

ROTTEN, MR. ARCHER? THAT DEPENDS UPON THE *POINT OF VIEW*! DOCTOR SELDON IS MERELY DOING WHAT HE FEELS IS HIS DUTY! PERHAPS IF YOU'LL LISTEN TO WHAT *I* HAVE TO SAY, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND...

DOCTOR SELDON IS ATTEMPTING TO SAVE A HUMAN BEING FROM A LIFETIME OF *DARKNESS*! IS *THAT* "ROTTEN"?

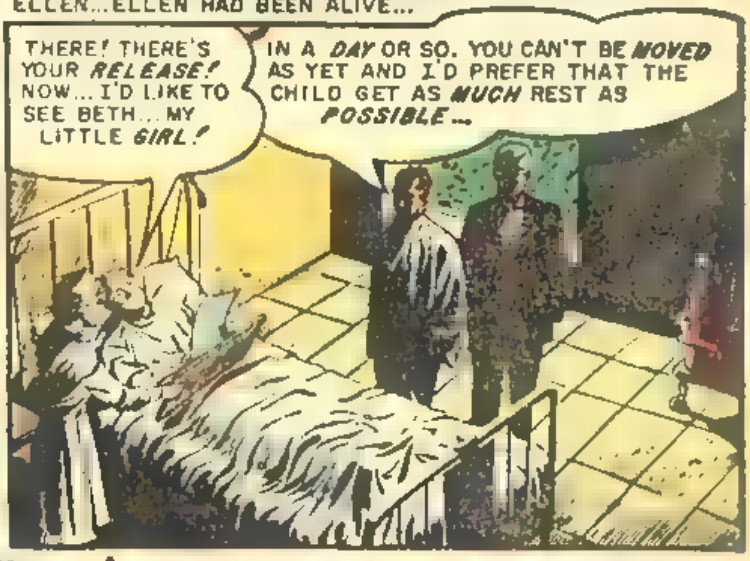
YES! IT *IS*! WHAT ABOUT *ME*? HOW CAN ANY MAN COME TO ANOTHER MAN AND TELL HIM HE MUSTN'T EXCITE HIMSELF...THEN ASK OF *HIM* WHAT DOCTOR SELDON ASKED OF *ME*!

THE PAIN HE CAUSED YOU COULD NOT BE *AVOIDED*, MR. ARCHER. WOULD YOUR *WIFE* HAVE FELT AS YOU DO? OR WOULD SHE HAVE *DIED HAPPIER*, KNOWING THAT SHE WAS *HELPING* SOMEONE?

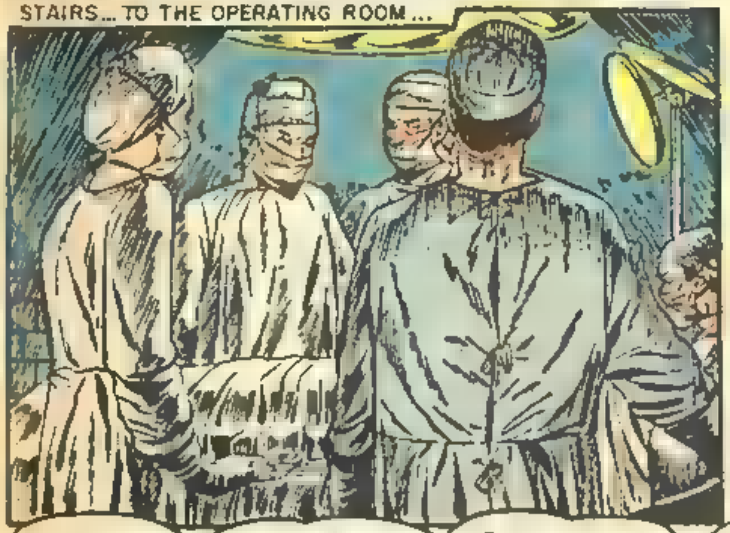
GRIEF CAN BE *VERY SELFISH*, MR. ARCHER. BUT WHY SHOULD *YOUR* GRIEF DEPRIVE SOMEONE ELSE OF *SIGHT*?

SELFISHNESS! HE DARED TO CALL IT THAT! HE, WHO DEALT ONLY IN COLD LOGIC AND IGNORED THE FACT THAT HE WAS TALKING TO A HUMAN BEING! STILL... WHAT DOCTOR FERRIS HAD SAID WAS TRUE. ARCHER KNEW THAT ...DOWN DEEP...

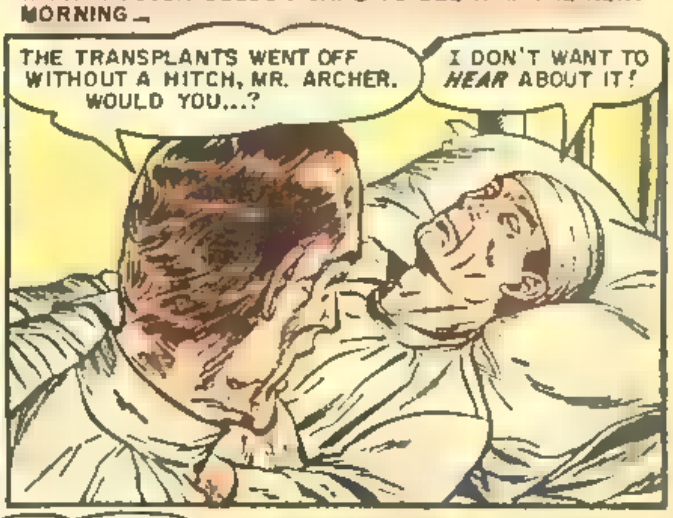
THEY BROUGHT THE PAPERS THEN, AND EVEN AS HE SIGNED THEM, ARCHER WAS THINKING: JUST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AGO, ELLEN... ELLEN HAD BEEN ALIVE...

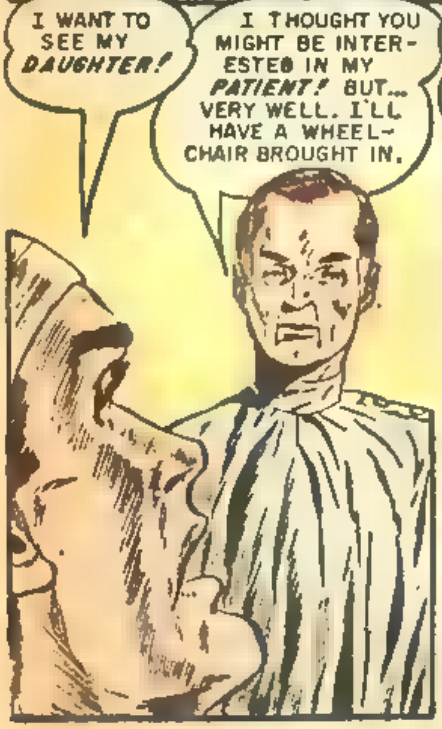


PERHAPS IT WAS JUST AS WELL. HOW COULD ARCHER TELL HER? HE CLOSED HIS EYES ON THE TEARS AND DOCTOR FERRIS AND DOCTOR SELDON WENT OUT. THEY WENT UP-STAIRS... TO THE OPERATING ROOM...



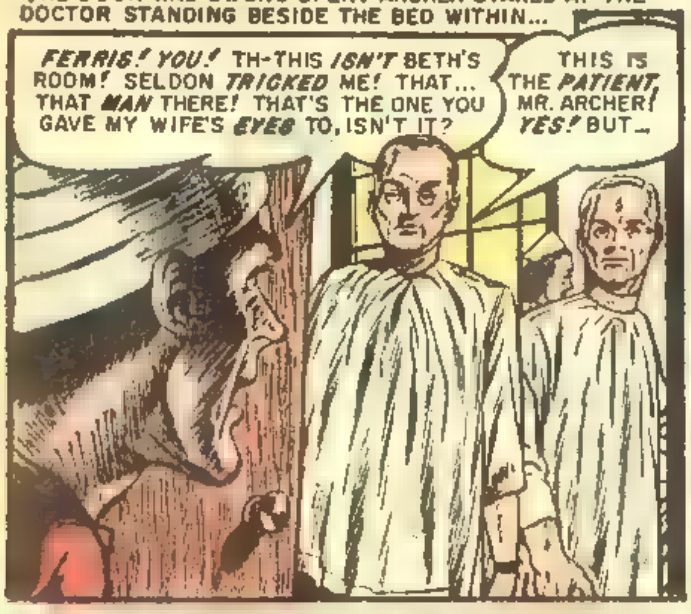
ARCHER WEPT THEN. HE KNEW NOTHING OF WHAT HAPPENED IN SURGERY, AND CARED LESS... EVEN WHEN DOCTOR SELDON CAME TO SEE HIM THE NEXT MORNING...

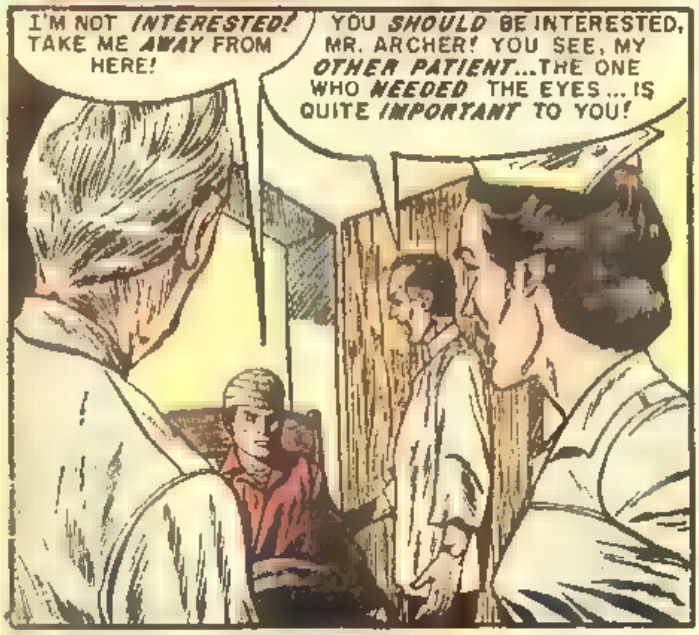


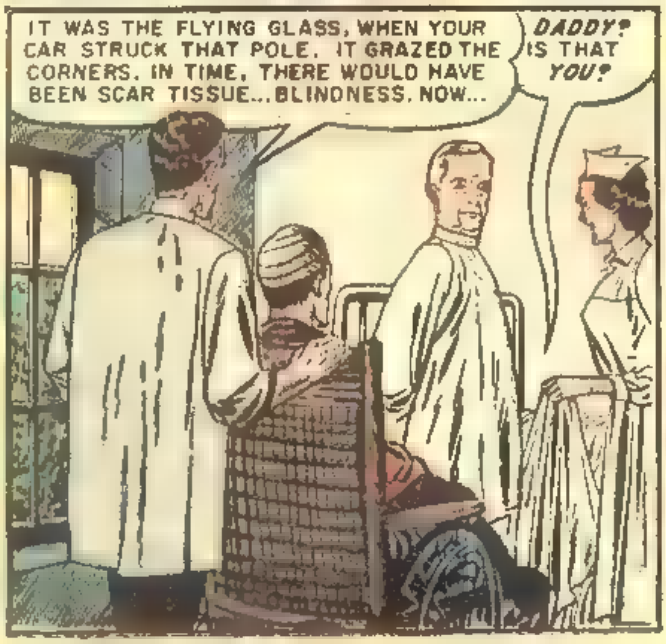


A WHEELCHAIR WAS BROUGHT AND ARCHER WAS LIFTED INTO IT. HE STEELED HIMSELF WHEN DOCTOR SELDON WHEELED HIM TO A DOOR...

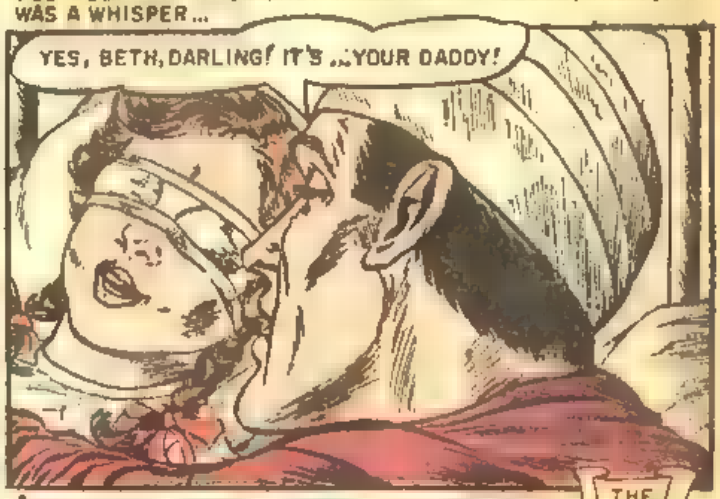
THE DOOR WAS SWUNG OPEN. ARCHER STARED AT THE DOCTOR STANDING BESIDE THE BED WITHIN...







ARCHER LOOKED AT THE SMALL FIGURE ON THE BED WITH HER EYES PADDED AND BANDAGED...EYES THAT SOON WOULD SEE CLEARLY. WHEN THEY WHEELED HIM CLOSE, HIS VOICE WAS A WHISPER...



AND DONALD ARCHER LOOKED AT DOCTOR SELDON AND SAW HIM CLEARLY_FOR THE FIRST TIME...

THE END

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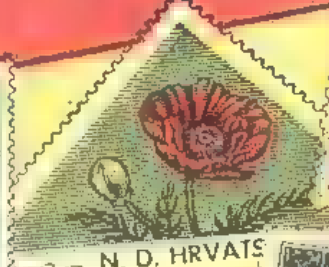

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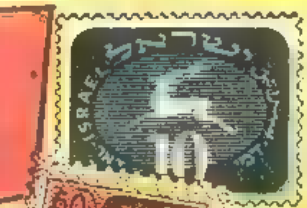

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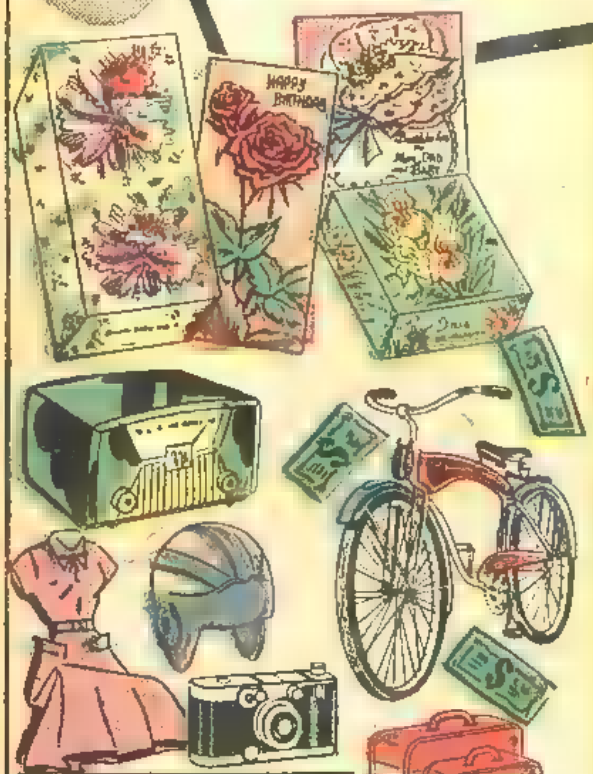

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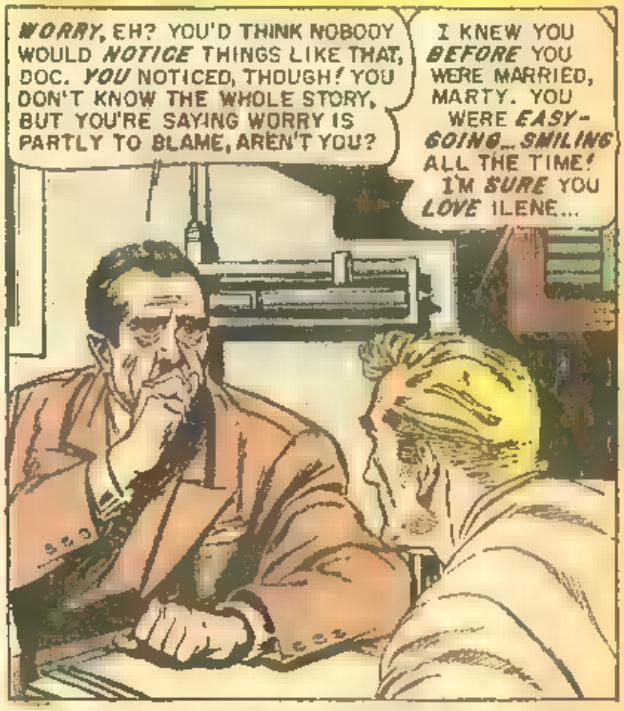
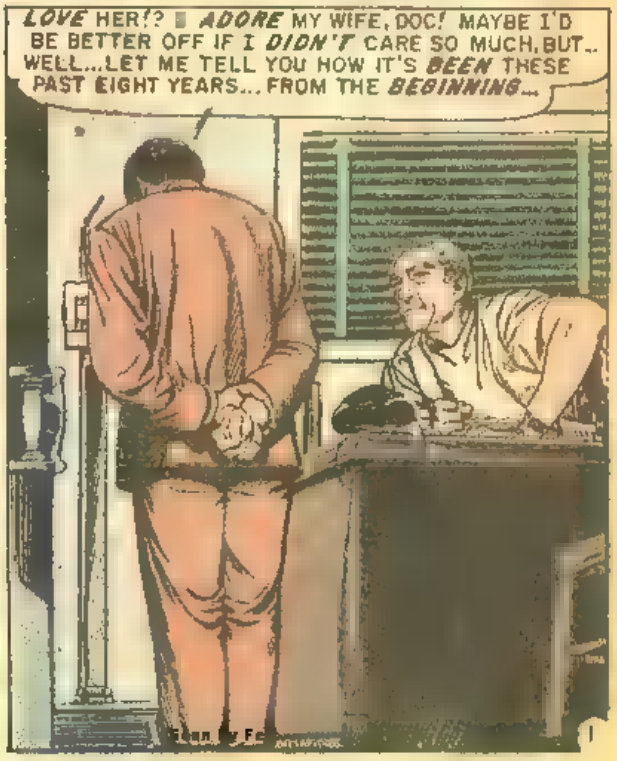
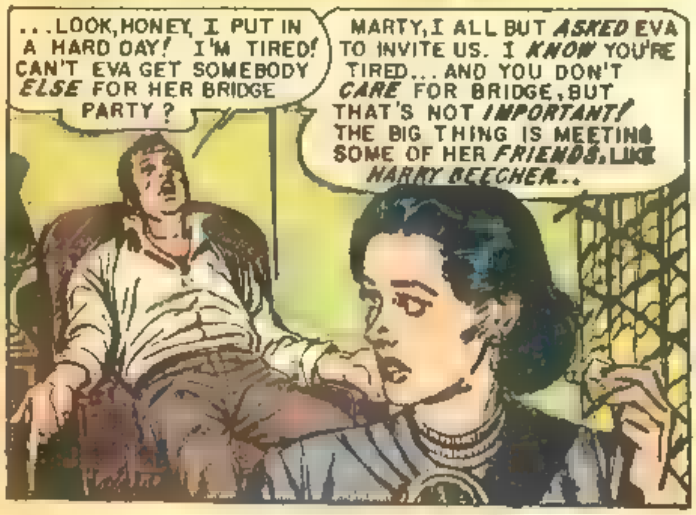
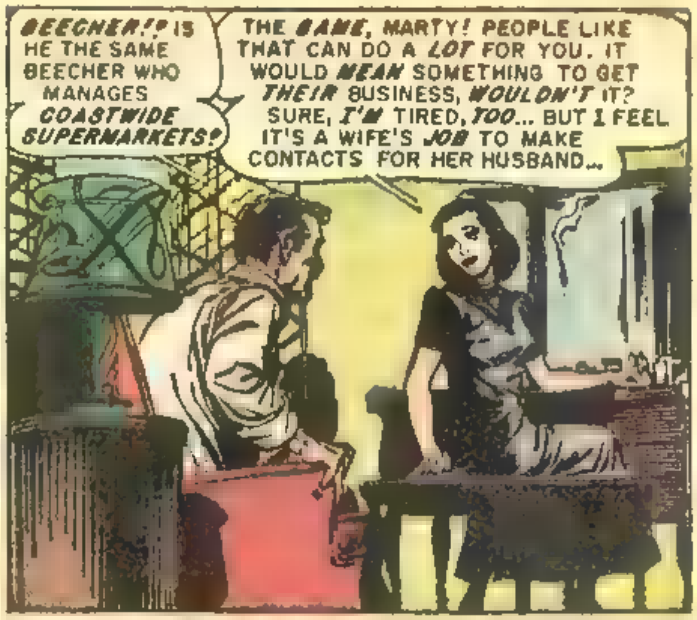
MARTIN COOPER SMILED, DESPITE HIS DISCOMFORT... A THIN, SAD SMILE...





"WHEN WE WERE FIRST MARRIED, I WAS MAKING ABOUT TWELVE THOUSAND A YEAR FROM MY WHOLESALE GROCERY BUSINESS. WE HAD A COMFORTABLE APARTMENT... NICE CLOTHES. I WAS DOING FINE... I THOUGHT..."





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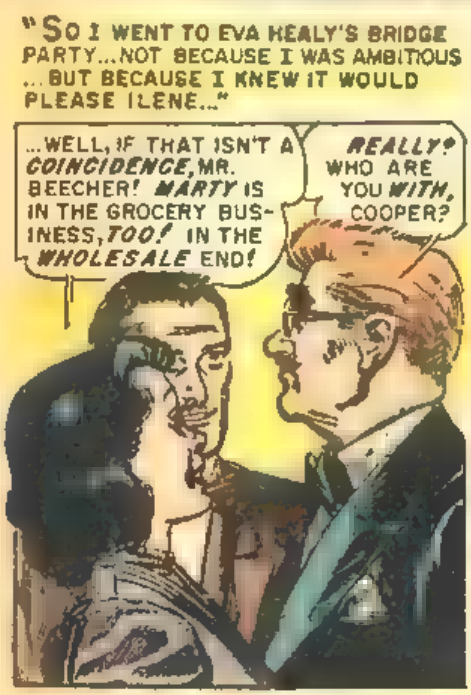
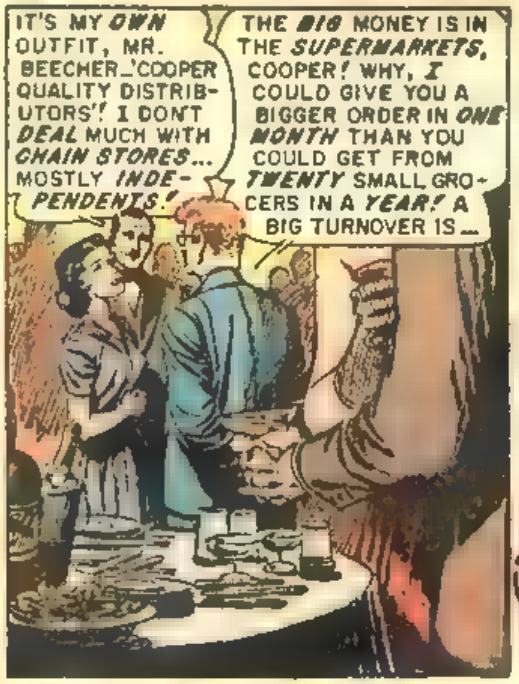




"THE NEXT DAY, I GOT AN ORDER FROM BEECHER...A BIG ONE, AND HE TOLD ME IF THE PRODUCTS MOVED, COASTWIDE WOULD BE A REGULAR CUSTOMER..."

"COASTWIDE WAS *MORE* THAN SATISFIED WITH THE PRODUCTS I HANDLED. NOT ONLY DID THEY ORDER REGULARLY...THEY *INCREASED* THEIR ORDERS, AND ILENE? SHE GOT HER HOUSE...

IT LOOKS *BIGGER* THAN WHEN I *FIRST* SAW IT, DEAR. I...I MUST HAVE BEEN IN A *FOG* WHEN I BOUGHT THIS PLACE. *SIX ACRES! TWELVE ROOMS!* IT'LL TAKE A *GARDENER* AND A COUPLE OF *SERVANTS* TO KEEP IT ALL UP!

NOW YOU LET *ME* WORRY ABOUT THAT PART OF IT, DARLING. ANYWAY, WE *NEED* THE ROOM! IT TAKES *SPACE* TO *ENTERTAIN PROPERLY*...

ILENE, HONEY, DON'T GET ANY BIG IDEAS ABOUT DOING A LOT OF ENTERTAINING. THIS LAYOUT WILL COST ME OVER A HUNDRED THOUSAND AS *IS* BEFORE I'M THROUGH. AND THAT DOESN'T TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE COST OF *UPKEEP!*

YOU WOULDN'T *HAVE* THIS IF IT WEREN'T FOR EVA HEALY'S *BRIDGE PARTY.* YOU WOULDN'T HAVE MET *HARRY BEECHER!* TO *MEET* PEOPLE, YOU'VE GOT TO *ENTERTAIN*...

"SO ILENE ENTERTAINED, AND I MET PEOPLE. MY BUSINESS INCREASED INSIDE OF THREE YEARS TO A MILLION DOLLARS GROSS. I FOUND IT NECESSARY TO HIRE A CONTRACTOR..."

...A NEW WAREHOUSE ISN'T *ENOUGH,* MR. HERBERT! MY OFFICE STAFF IS *OUTGROWING* THE *OLD* BUILDING. WHAT I HAVE IN MIND IS AN *ENTIRE NEW PLANT.*

I *SEE!* COMBINED WAREHOUSE AND OFFICES. I'D HAVE TO WORK WITH AN *ARCHITECT* ON THAT, MR. COOPER...

"THE WAY I WAS MAKING MONEY THEN, DOC, I COULD'VE LOOKED FORWARD TO RETIRING IN TEN YEARS. BUT I COULDN'T EVEN AFFORD A MANAGER TO HELP ME RUN THE BUSINESS..."

FOUR SERVANTS! A GARDENER! TWO BIG CARS! SWEETHEART, I CAN'T *EARN* ENOUGH TO *KEEP UP* WITH IT ALL! IT RUNS ME FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS A WEEK JUST TO PAY FOR YOUR *PARTIES*...

MARTY, TO *BE* BIG, WE'VE GOT TO *LIVE* BIG! EVERY TIME WE HAVE *PEOPLE* IN, IT MEANS MORE *ORDERS* FOR YOU...MORE *MONEY!*

IT'S GOT TO STOP *SOMEWHERE!* I'M KNOCKING MYSELF *OUT!* I CAN'T TAKE OVER *ALL* THE GROCERY BUSINESS IN THE COUNTRY. I CAN'T GO ON LIVING ON A DIET OF *CHAMPAGNE* AND *CAVIAR!*

ALL RIGHT! IF *YOU* HAVE NO AMBITION, *I HAVE!* FORGET THE BUSINESS CONTACTS I'VE HELPED YOU MAKE! I'M MEETING *PEOPLE,* MARTY...THE MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE *SOCIALLY* IN THIS CITY! I *LIKE* THAT, MARTY! I'M *ONE* OF THEM! IT MAKES ME *HAPPY!*

"I *WANTED* ILENE TO BE HAPPY...MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN THE WORLD. SO I PUT MORE PRESSURE ON MYSELF...WORKED HARDER, LONGER HOURS. AND ILENE ENTERTAINED..."

I'M *STARVED,* ILENE! I'VE GOT TO *EAT!* WHEN'S DINNER...?

SOON, DEAR! HERE! TAKE MY DRINK! COME OVER...I WANT YOU TO MEET THE ALDRICHES!

MARTIN COOPER RUBBED HIS STOMACH UNCONSCIOUSLY AS HE FINISHED HIS STORY. DOCTOR KEATON SHOOK HIS HEAD...

IT'S BEEN GOING ON LIKE THAT FOR *EIGHT YEARS*, DOC. YOU'VE *BEEN* TO OUR HOUSE. YOU'VE *SEEN* THOSE PARTIES. THE MORE I *MAKE*, THE MORE ILENE *SPENDS!* I'M *NOT* A RICH MAN. I'M *BROKE*...*TIRED AND BROKE*... *ALWAYS IN DEBT!*

IF I TOLD YOU I *SAW* THIS COMING, WOULD YOU HAVE *BELIEVED* ME, MARTY? NOW, I OUGHT TO ORDER YOU INTO A HOSPITAL FOR A COMPLETE REST AND CHECK-UP, BUT YOU WON'T GO! SO LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT YOU THROUGH THE FLOURO-SCOPE...

MARTIN COOPER DRANK AN OPAQUE MIXTURE OF BARIUM THAT DOCTOR KEATON PREPARED FOR HIM. THE DOCTOR COULD THEN STUDY THE INNER LINING OF HIS PATIENT'S STOMACH AS THE DENSE FLUID FLOWED IN...

TURN A LITTLE MORE TO THE LEFT, MARTY. UH-HUH! I'VE SEEN ENOUGH. GET YOUR THINGS ON AND COME BACK INTO MY OFFICE!

WELL, WHAT'S THE BAD NEWS, DOC?

IT *COULD* BE *WORSE!* IT *WILL* BE, UNLESS YOU SLOW DOWN! YOU HAVE A *DUODENAL ULCER*. THAT'S IN THE FIRST INCH OF INTESTINES, JUST BELOW YOUR STOMACH. WE MAY BE ABLE TO *HEAL IT* WITH *DIET* AND *REST*.

I CAN TAKE *MEDICINE*, DOC, AND I CAN GO ON A *DIET!* BUT *REST?* I DON'T THINK THAT'S *POSSIBLE* FOR ME! I *TOLD* YOU WHAT A *FIX* I'M IN!

MEDICATION AND DIET WON'T DO *ANY GOOD* WITHOUT *PHYSICAL* AND *MENTAL REST!* BUT I CAN ONLY *ADVISE!* I CAN'T *MAKE* YOU *FOLLOW* MY ADVICE!

DOCTOR KEATON JOTTED DOWN AN ADDRESS AND HANDED IT TO MARTY...

I'LL MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH DOCTOR PORTER FOR A SERIES OF *X-RAYS!* I WANT A RECORD OF THE *LOCATION* OF YOUR ULCER. I MAY NEED TO FIND IT IN A *HURRY!*

YOU MEAN IF I *DON'T* OBEY ORDERS I MAY HAVE AN *EMERGENCY OPERATION*, EH? OKAY, DOC. I'LL TRY.

FOLLOW THIS DIET *CLOSELY!* IT TELLS YOU WHAT YOU *MAY* EAT, AND WHAT TO *AVOID!* THERE'LL BE PLENTY OF PROTEIN... THAT WILL GIVE YOUR GASTRIC JUICES SOMETHING TO ACT ON BESIDES YOUR ULCER. AND I'VE PRESCRIBED RESINAT TO TAKE CARE OF THAT GASTRIC ACIDITY YOU WERE COMPLAINING ABOUT.

DOCTOR KEATON ONCE MORE EMPHASIZED MARTY'S NEED FOR REST. AND MARTY PROMISED ONCE MORE TO TRY. HE HAD X-RAYS TAKEN AND SENT TO DOCTOR KEATON. HE TOLD HIS WIFE ILENE...

...AND I'VE GOT TO *STICK* TO THE DIET! I CAN'T *EAT* ANY OF THAT FANCY JUNK YOU SERVE AT PARTIES. AND *NO* ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. BUT MOST OF ALL, I MUSTN'T *WORRY!*

IF MY PARTIES *MAKE* YOU WORRY, I'LL *GIVE THEM UP!* I'LL GIVE UP EVERYTHING I'VE *WORKED FOR* SINCE WE WERE *MARRIED!* FINE FRIENDS... BUSINESS CONTACTS... SOB...

AW, HONEY! *DON'T* CRY! ALL I'M ASKING IS THAT YOU *CUT DOWN*...GIVE ME A CHANCE TO CATCH UP ON *EXPENSES* SO I DON'T HAVE TO KILL MYSELF TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH THE *SPENDING*...

I *KNOW* YOUR HEALTH COMES FIRST, DEAR. I *WILL* CUT DOWN...JUST AS SOON AS I PAY OFF SOME SOCIAL OBLIGATIONS! I'VE *ALREADY INVITED* PEOPLE FOR THE *NEXT* FEW WEEKS. AFTER THAT, *MORE PARTIES!* I PROMISE...

ILENE COOPER UNDOUBTEDLY MEANT WELL, BUT SHE NEVER SEEMED TO GET THROUGH PAYING OFF THOSE SOCIAL OBLIGATIONS...

I TOLD YOU I CAN'T *EAT* THIS STUFF, ILENE!

OH, MARTY! I *FORGOT YOUR DIET!* AND THE COOK'S BEEN TOO BUSY FIXING THE HORS D'OEURVES TO HAVE YOUR *MEAL* READY. WOULD IT HURT YOU TO EAT JUST A *FEW* OF THOSE SANDWICHES JUST THIS *ONE* TIME, DARLING?

IN THE SMALL HOURS OF THE MORNING FOLLOWING ONE OF THE PARTIES...

ILENE...I'VE GOT A *TERRIBLE* PAIN! IF I COULD JUST HAVE A GLASS OF *MILK*...

HUH? HAVE A *HEART*, MARTY! I'M *KNOCKED OUT!* I'LL BE A *WRECK* TOMORROW! CAN'T *YOU* GO TO THE REFRIGERATOR?

THE PARTIES WENT ON. EXPENSES MOUNTED...

LOOK AT THESE BILLS! ANOTHER MINK COAT! *WHAT FOR?* AND WITH JUST TWO OF US THIS FAMILY, WHY A *THIRD CAR?* ILENE! IT'S GOT TO *STOP!*

WE *NEED* THE STATION WAGON, MARTY...FOR SHOPPING AND PICKING UP THE GUESTS AT THE STATION!

I CAN'T *PAY* FOR ALL THIS, ILENE! IT'S *TOO MUCH!*

TOO MUCH?! ONE OF OUR GUESTS THIS WEEK-END IS AUGUST DECKER... YOU KNOW...DECKER AND SONS... THE BIGGEST CHAIN OF FOOD STORES IN THE COUNTRY. IT TOO MUCH TO LAND A CONTRACT WITH *HIM?*

SO IT WENT. DRIVE...DRIVE...DRIVE. MARTY DROVE HIMSELF... AND IT HAD TO COME. THERE HAD TO BE A PAYOFF...

...I WAS TAKING A LETTER AND HE DOUBLED UP. THEN HE GOT THE HEMORRHAGE. HE FELL OUT OF THE CHAIR. I CALLED YOU IMMEDIATELY...

WE MUST GET HIM TO THE HOSPITAL AT ONCE! WHERE'S A PHONE? I'LL CALL FOR AN AMBULANCE!

DOCTOR KEATON NOTIFIED ILENE AND RUSHED MARTY TO THE HOSPITAL. WHILE THE PATIENT WAS BEING READIED FOR SURGERY, HE CONSULTED WITH DOCTOR PORTER, THE ROENTGENOLOGIST...

IN THIS FIRST PLATE, YOU SEE THE DEFORMED DUODENUM, AND IN THIS PLATE TAKEN AFTER THE CRATER WAS FILLED WITH BARIUM, YOU SEE THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE PERFORATION...

THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. I'VE GOT TO ORDER A *GASTRO-ENTEROSTOMY.*

DOCTOR PORTER TURNED TO HIS COLLEAGUE...

THAT'S *SIMPLE* ENOUGH... AND *SAFE!* BUT...

BUT THE ODDS ARE HE'LL BE *BACK* IN A COUPLE OF YEARS WITH A *JEJUNAL ULCER!* YES, I *KNOW*, PORTER... BUT THE EMERGENCY NATURE OF THE PUNCTURE MAKES IT UNWISE TO TRY AN *ANGASTRECTOMY* AT THIS TIME!

ILENE COOPER WAS GENUINELY FRIGHTENED WHEN SHE INTERCEPTED DOCTOR KEATON ON HIS WAY TO SURGERY...

I RUSHED RIGHT FROM THE BEAUTY SALON WHEN I GOT YOUR MESSAGE! WHAT'S *WRONG* WITH MARTY? I SAW THEM ROLL HIM IN TO THE OPERATING ROOM! HE LOOKED *GHASTLY!*

WE'LL PULL HIM THROUGH, ILENE! I'LL HAVE A TALK WITH YOU AFTER IT'S OVER. WAIT IN MY OFFICE.

DOCTOR KEATON ENTERED THE OPERATING ROOM, AND GLANCED AT THE STILL PALE FIGURE ON THE TABLE BENEATH THE BATTERY OF LIGHTS. THE SURGEON, ARNOLD MORGAN, M.D., F.A.C.S., NODDED...

ALL RIGHT! LET'S BEGIN...

THE SURGEON TURNED TO THE "SURGICAL NURSE" WHO WAITED, READY TO PASS THE INSTRUMENTS. THE "FLOATING NURSE" STOOD BY. THE ANAESTHETIST ADJUSTED THE RUBBER CAP OVER THE PATIENTS MOUTH AND NOSE. VALVES WERE TURNED. ETHER, NITROUS OXIDE, OXYGEN HISSED THROUGH TUBES...

THE PATIENT IS READY...

GOOD... *SCALPEL...*

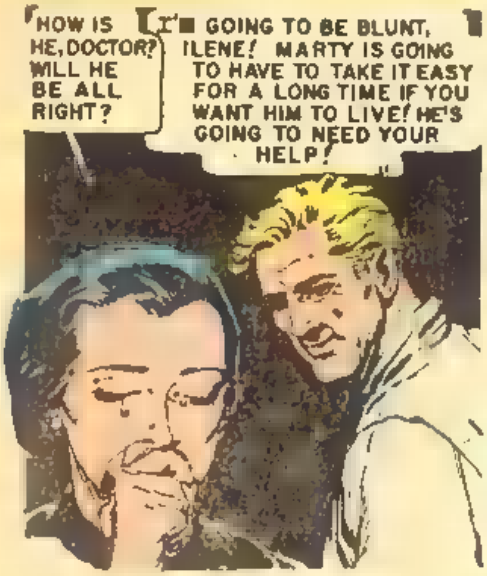
THE SURGEON WORKED WITH SWIFT ASSURANCE, SOFTLY EXPLAINING EACH DETAIL OF THE OPERATION TO THE STUDENT INTERNS OBSERVING BEHIND THE GLASSED-IN TIERS...

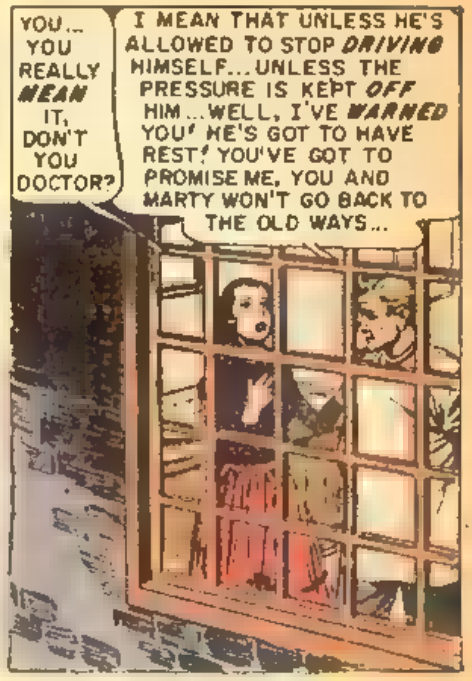
SPONGE... HERE WE HAVE IT... AN ACUTE PERFORATION OF THE DUODENUM. IT'S TOWARD THE FRONT ALLOWING THE GASTRIC JUICES FROM THE STOMACH TO FLOW INTO THE ABDOMINAL CAVITY. THAT'S WHAT CAUSED THE TERRIBLE PAIN AND SHOCK...

CLAMP... IN A GASTRO-ENTEROSTOMY, WE BIPASS THE ULCER, MAKING A NEW OPENING BETWEEN THE STOMACH AND THE JEJUNUM, EIGHTEEN INCHES FROM THE OUTLET...

THE ULCERATED SECTION IS SHORT-CIRCUITED... ELIMINATED! THE NEW PASSAGE IS NOW FORMED AND JOINED... *SUTURES...*

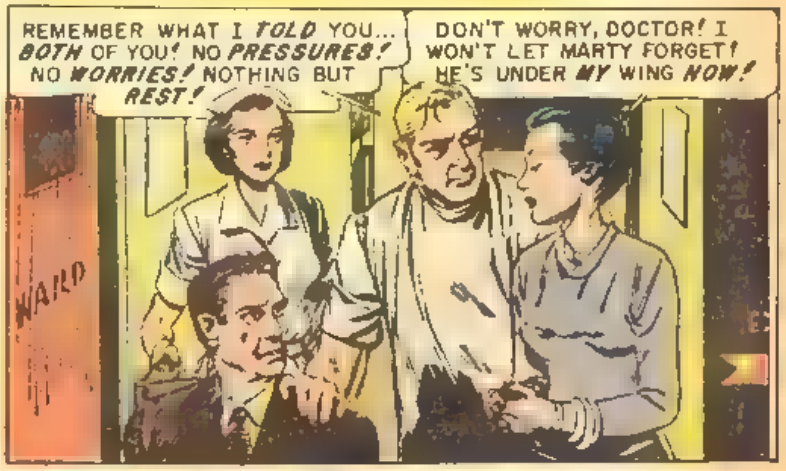
AFTER THE OPERATION WAS OVER, DOCTOR KEATON RETURNED TO HIS OFFICE WHERE ILENE COOPER WAITED IMPATIENTLY...



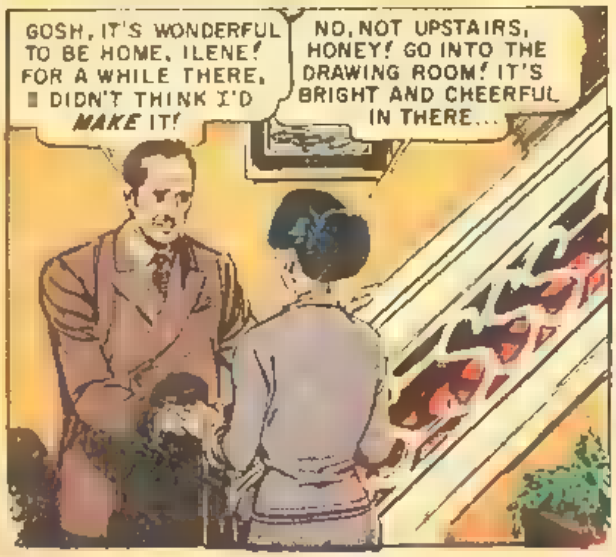


ILENE COOPER HUNG HER HEAD...

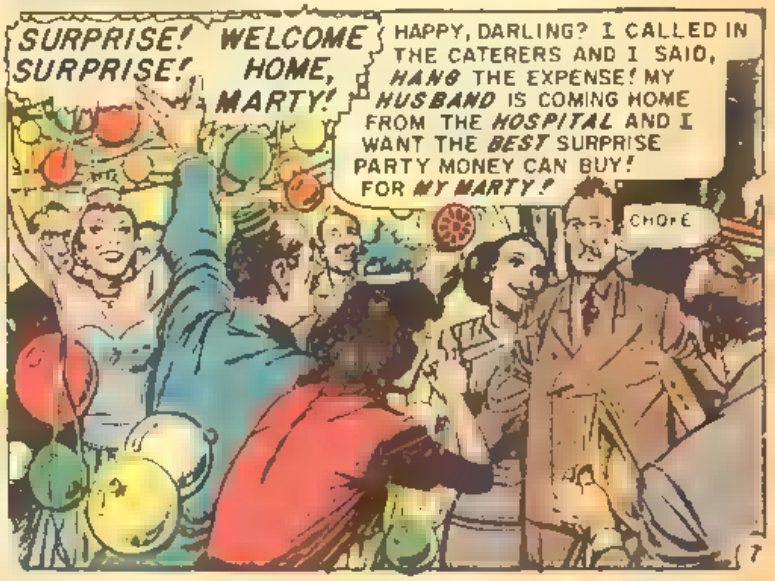
MARTIN COOPER WAS TOO WEAK, EVEN A MONTH LATER, TO WALK TO THE ELEVATOR. ILENE HELD HIS HAND AS HE WAS ROLLED ALONG THE CORRIDOR IN A WHEELCHAIR...



ILENE TRUSTED NO ONE WITH MARTY. SHE DROVE HIM HOME IN THE STATION WAGON HERSELF. AND SHE WAS NEVER SO CAREFUL. THERE WAS NO QUESTION THAT ILENE MEANT IT WHEN SHE SAID THINGS WERE GOING TO BE DIFFERENT...



BUT THOUGH SHE MEANT IT, WERE THINGS REALLY GOING TO BE DIFFERENT? AS HE MOVED SLOWLY INTO THE DRAWING ROOM, MARTY WONDERED IF ILENE COULD CHANGE! AND THEN HE KNEW...



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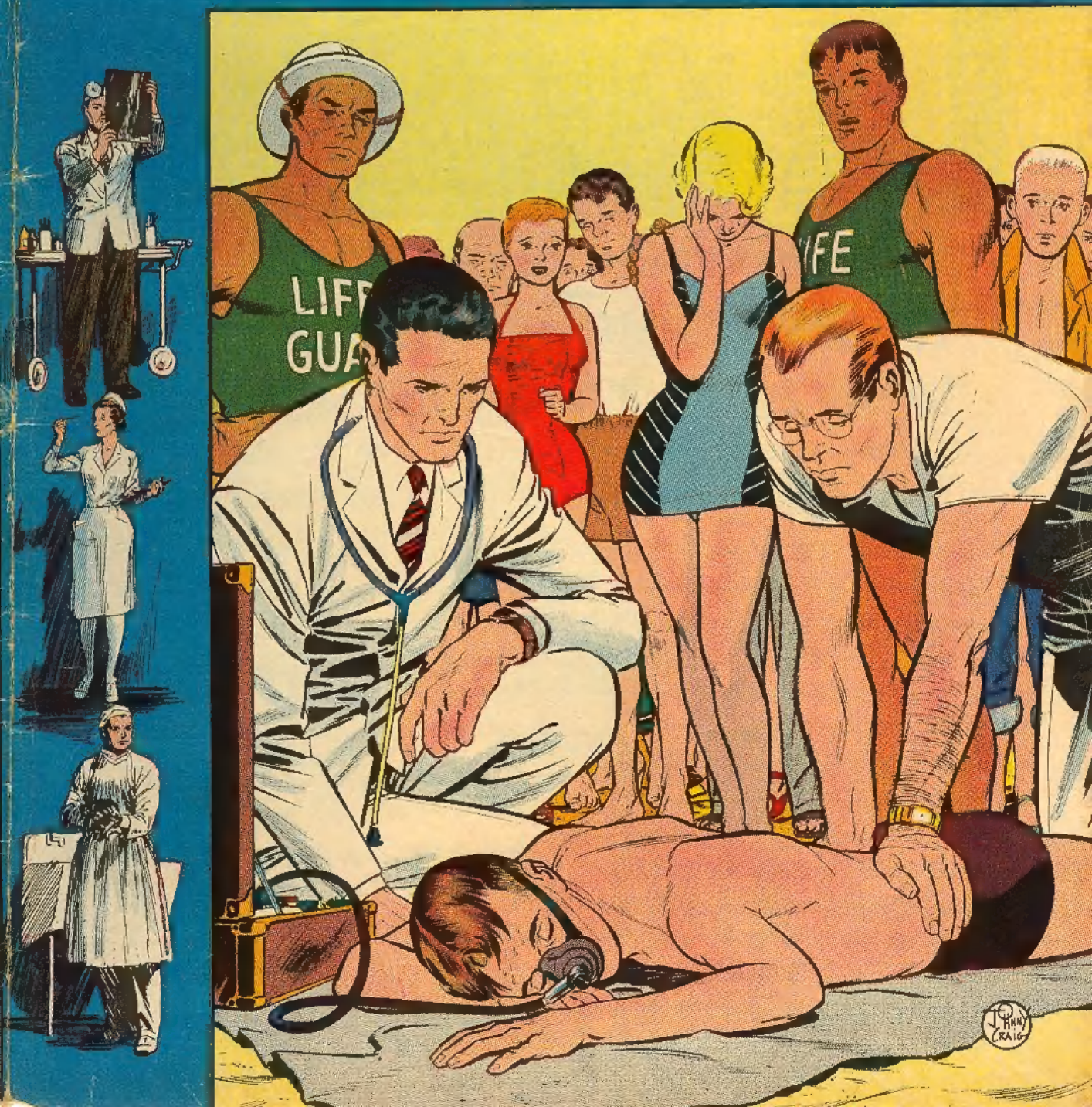

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